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§ A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

How Can We Help You? We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Those Serving September 3rd at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Lee Phinney
Ushers	Robert Bee, Fred Brady
	Tom & Faith Dunn

Asst. Minister	Dennis Engstrom
Greeters	
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	The Good News!

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The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.

Confession and Absolution

Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

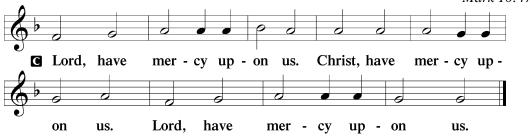
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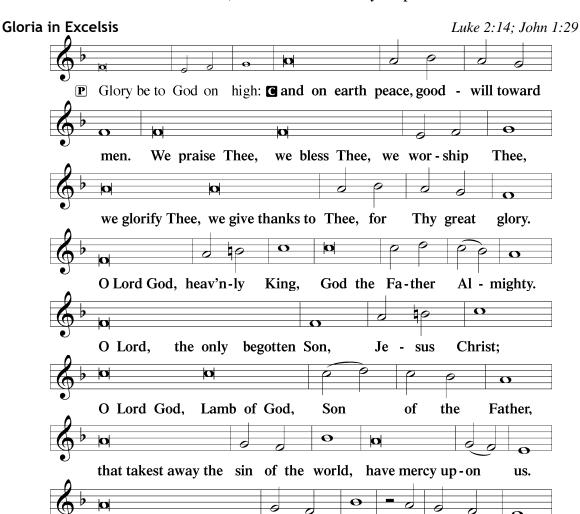


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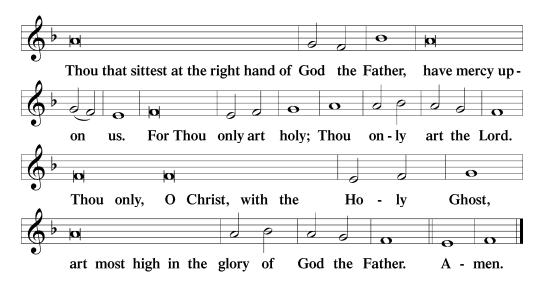








Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A The Old Testament Reading for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah, chapter 15.

¹⁵O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;

know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,

for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,

but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

- ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8



Antiphon O LORD, I love the habitation of your house* and the place where your glory dwells.

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,* and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

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<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;* test my heart | and my mind.
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⁶I wash my hands in | innocence* and go around your altar, | O LORD, ⁷proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,* and telling all your | wondrous deeds.

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<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house* and the place where your | glory dwells.
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⁹Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,* nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,

¹⁰in whose hands are evil de- | vices,* and whose right hands are | full of bribes.

¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;* redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.

 $^{12}\mathrm{My}$ foot stands on | level ground;* in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.

Antiphon O LORD, I love the habitation of your house* and the place where your glory dwells.

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 12.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,* and I walk in your | faithfulness.

⁴I do not sit with men of | falsehood,* nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

⁵I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,* and I will not sit with the | wicked.

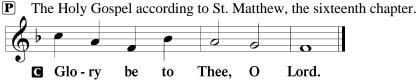
Alleluia and Verse Matthew 16:25



P Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.



Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21–28



²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

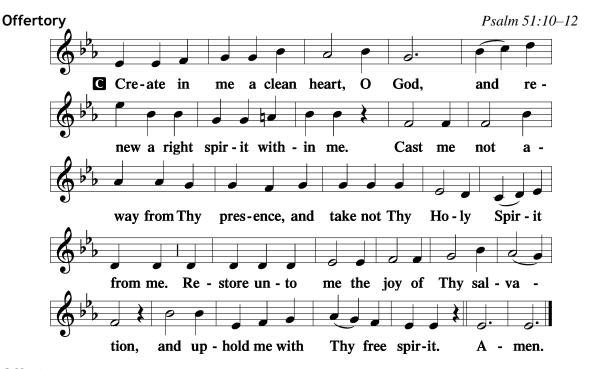
473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free



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Sermon

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.



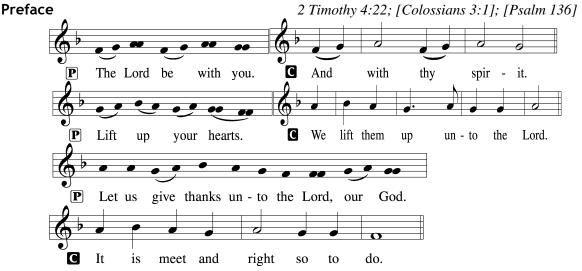
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Prayer of the Church

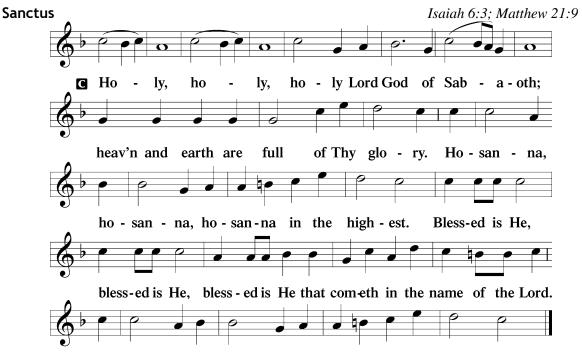
- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For trust in the fatherly care of our avenging God, that we would not seek our own vengeance, but rather bless those who curse us, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the Church of God and all who proclaim the Word of God, that we may forsake the revelers who despise God's Word and always hear what is precious, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that as the beloved of God, we may be unashamed to serve each other in genuine love, truthful speech and constant patience, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- A For our nation, its leaders, and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For peace in our time and the peace that God alone can give, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those listed in our bulletin, and all in need of healing and restoration, that they may bear their crosses and endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For repentance and faith as we approach the Lord's table, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For those persecuted for the name of Christ, that in communion with all the saints we may bear our crosses faithfully, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

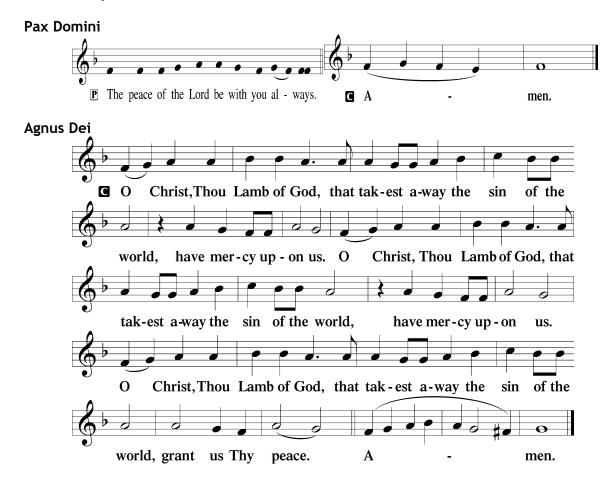
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



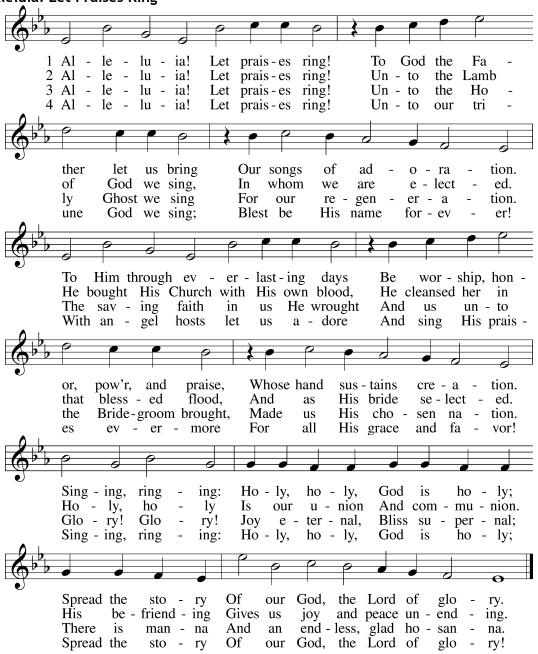
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Communing at Faith

Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

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C Amen.

Please rise.





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Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and

→ give you peace.



336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



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