

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023



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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 17th at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	LuAnn Clark
Ushers	Leroy Tronstad, Dave Matthews
	Chris Myers, Fred Brady

Asst. Minister	Don Edie
Greeters	Hans Gregor
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	We All Believe in One True God

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Divine Service, Setting Five from Lutheran Service Book

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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.
- 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.

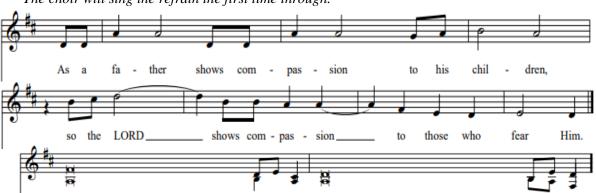
The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

- 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

Psalm Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13

The choir will sing the refrain the first time through.



¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,

Refrain

his acts to the people of | Israel.

nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

Refrain

so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit as it was in the be- | ginning* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,*

and forget not all his | benefits,

³who forgives all your in- | iquity,* who heals all your dis- | eases,

⁴who redeems your life | from the pit,*

⁵who satisfies you with good* so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works | righteousness* and justice for all who | are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*

⁸The LORD is merciful and | gracious,* slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹He will not | always chide,*

¹⁰He does not deal with us according | to our sins,* nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*

¹²as far as the east is | from the west,* so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

942 Kyrie! God, Father



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948 All Glory Be to God Alone



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

A The Old Testament Reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter 50.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Epistle Romans 14:1–12

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 14.

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

501 Come Down, O Love Divine



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Please rise.

Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what vou owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you. if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



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Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For freedom from grudges and an unforgiving spirit, that we may not be kept from God's forgiveness through our lack of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For patience in trials, that like Joseph in Egypt, we, too, might learn to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for God and one another, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A In thanksgiving for the Holy Word and Sacraments, that they would be preserved among us; for faithful stewards of God's mysteries, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in Christ's name; and for all the baptized, that they would be faithful confessors of the hope that is in them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the homes of God's people, that He would keep them from all harm and danger; and that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of His holy angels, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all nations and leaders, that life and liberty might be defended; and that rulers and nations might strive toward all that is honorable, true and just, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the sick and infirm, especially those listed in our bulletin, that they may have patience to endure their time of suffering and that their days be crowned with God's mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For gratitude as we receive Christ's body and blood, that having been forgiven a debt that only Christ could pay, we in turn may go out to serve others in the same spirit of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Please rise.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

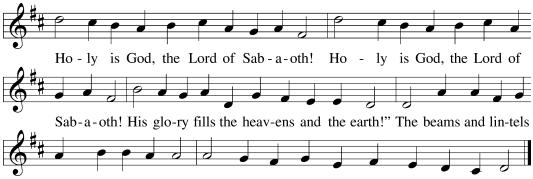
The Words of Our Lord

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."





trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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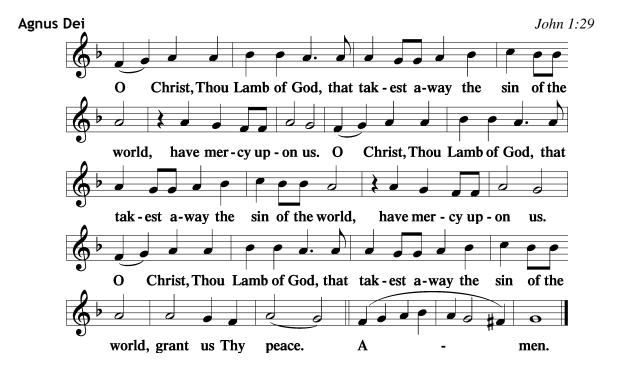
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



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Communing at Faith

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851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



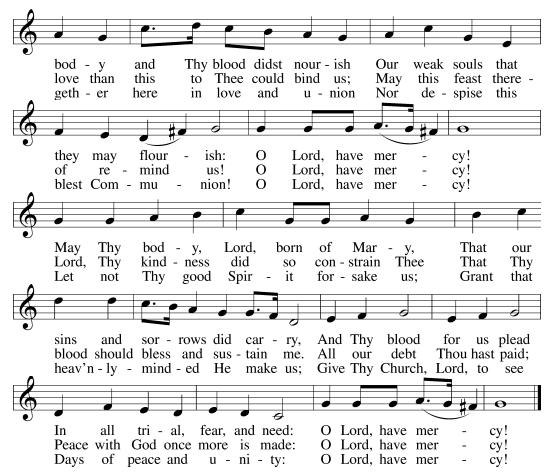
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Post-Communion Collect

- 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.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

818 In Thee Is Gladness



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FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM

Sunday	9:15 AM	Bible Study- The Revelation			
	10:30 AM	Divine Service			
Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	PieceMakers			
-	3:30 PM	Gospel of Matthew			
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Study with Pastor Ben			
-	6:30 PM	Ladies of Faith			
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Lutherans for Life Meeting			
		Faith Skills @ FLW Main Chapel			
	5:30 PM	Dinner			
	6:15 PM	Classes			
Thursday	9:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study – 1&2 Kings			
	10:30 AM	Ladies Aid Workday			
	12:30 PM	Birthday Lunch @ Penelope's			
		meet at 12:00 to carpool from church			
Friday	12:00 PM	Beginning Greek			
Sunday	9:15 AM	Bible Study- Church History 101			
	10:30 AM	Divine Service			
	3:00 PM	LWML Rolla Zone Board Meeting @ Immanuel, Rolla			

THE BIRTHDAY LUNCH is September 21st at Penelope's in Rolla from 12:30 to 2:30p.m. This is our time to celebrate those in our congregation with September birthdays. Let LuAnn Clark know you would like to join us (573-842-5120). We plan to meet at the church at 12:00 pm to carpool over to Rolla.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP will meet September 23rd @ 5:00pm at The Willows, 2010 State Highway A Montreal, MO Please RSVP to Bill Rostad @ 573-433-5277 so a room can be reserved.

ALL LADIES of the congregation (and their friends) who are interested in setting up an afternoon for Bunco, card games, fellowship, etc. should contact Bev Richard @ 573-855-1937

Requesting Prayers Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

†Devin Houser†Franklin LaLonde†Chris MacMurray†Jacob Gan†Anthony Isaac †Laramie Yancey †Geoff Gronewold†

†Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten)†

†Michael Parris (China) †Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Romania)

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†Pray that we and the nations put away false gods, but know, trust, love, and follow Jesus †Natural disasters recovery †Prayers for Peace and Justice †Prayer for Nation's Leaders and illness; prayer for the Lord to do His will through local, state, and national elections †Health Workers †Educators & Students †All new military visitors and

Thanksgivings

families

†Ethyn & Hanna Boorom – Graham Alexander born July 22 †Dylan & Angie Cleeton – twins born in March †Geoff & Brittany Gronewold – Benjamin born Aug 17 †Anthony & Nicki Isaac – Twins born in April †Nathan & Rebekah Pauls – Eden born May 15 †Samantha †Shelby †Colin & Christine Strange –

COVID-19 Thanksgivings

Clark born August 1

†Free Women's Center

†Thankfulness for Vaccine

Immediate Needs †Kenneth Drees †Marcia Euren †George Garber †Peggy Gregor †Mary Jones †Judy Keeth †Dawn Kubinski †Irene Leitgeb †Tim Matthews †JD Mattison †Ingrid Ozee †Karl Sutterfield †Roberta Thornsberry †Chaya Velasquez †Dave Wainio †Timothy Wolf

Long Term Needs †Kristine

†Sheri †Ann Marie Boerner (Capps) †The Boettger Family †Barb BonGiovanni †Dan Boorom

†Ray Crosby †Madison Ford †Duane Green †Finnigan Heine †Mary Jones †Liz Joyce

†Marge Kohl †Marie Matthews †Ken Merrill †Sydney Merrill †Jenny Miessler †Marion Munson †Velda Myers †Judy Neff †Lili Osorio †Dwavne Richard †Susan Rostad †Helen Rostad †Melvin Rust

†Ben Paul Schumacher †Mary Smith †Donna Thomas †Becky Vogel †Ron Weaver †Jerome Welliver †Lisa Weinhold

†Pastor Ben Schumacher

Comfort Facing Death

†The Family of Allan Brown †The Family of Karen Garber †The Family of Sharon Greene †The Family of Herb Houser †The Krueger Family

†The Family of Marian Kubinski †The Family of Clark Mullins

†The Family of Steven Munsie †The Family of Renate Phillips †The Family of Gisela Sundell

†The Family of Donna Wogan