

# **PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION**

Psalm 27:1-9 The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. 4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." 9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

# **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Hymn 751 — God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

(My First Hymnal page 118)

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 🎜 A-men.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God the Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- All Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 🎜 A-men.







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P Let us pray . . . Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 🎜 A-men.

#### THE WORD

*Isaiah 55:6-9* Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30* But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, 13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; 14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ

will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, 26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. Striving and Suffering for Christ 27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. 29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, 30 having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

#### THE NICENE CREED

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 377:1-3,9-10 — Salvation Unto Us Has Come

# SERMON

*Matthew 20:1-16* "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5 Again he

went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

# WE RECEIVE BY HIS GRACE WHAT WE DO NOT DESERVE

We have no chance if come before his throne demanding what we think is right and what we think he might owe to us. For we deserve nothing, but if we admit this and come on the basis of His grace we receive everything. C 🎜 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn 761 — In You Is Gladness

### **OFFERING - PRAYERS - LORD'S PRAYER**

(My First Hymnal, page 37)

All 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.



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It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd his flock till He comes again in glory, therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!





## THE DISTRIBUTION

Hymn 313 and 306

We ask that only members of Faith Lutheran Church or the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. Visitors are welcome to speak to the pastor after the service.



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



# THE BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C 🎜 A-men A-men.

Hymn 784 — Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

## THIS WEEK:

Sunday 9/24 9am Worship Service 10am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class

Monday 9/25 7pm Worship Service

**Wednesday 9/27** 5pm Confirmation Class for Non School Kids

Sunday 10/1 9am Worship Service -Mission Festival

Mission Presentation after the service

Monday 10/2 7pm Worship Service

**UPCOMING DATES:** Oct 3 - School Board meeting at 7pm

Oct 9 - Parent Drive Day for School

Oct 10 - Elder meeting at 7pm/Church Council meeting at 7:30pm

Oct 15 - Traveling Reformation Conference at Faith Markesan

Oct 16 - Women of Faith meeting at 3:30 Oct 18 - 20 - Teacher's Conference, Mankato MN -No School Oct 19 - Voter's Meeting Oct 22 - Faith Alive Oct 27 - Faith School Fall Party Oct 29 - Area Reformation Service

### ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4: Wayne Draeger, David Draeger Next Week: Team #1: Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

Sundays: Martin Hansen, Gary Brown, Bill Jenkins, Russ Denson

Mondays: Bob Kirst, Greg Jones, Lynn Dumke, Mike Dumke

# **Announcements:**

# **GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

# MISSION FESTIVAL

Will be next week Oct 1st. Faith school children will sing. There will be a Mission Presentation after the service, followed by a potluck.

# TRAVELING REFORMATION SEMINAR

Oct 15 at 3:30pm. Messiah Eau Claire is sponsoring a traveling reformation. Three speakers will present 20 minute lectures on the life of Martin Luther. The seminar will include a question and answer section. Snacks will be provided. Help spread the word with posters and invites from the back of the church. We will be talking more about it in Bible Class.

# CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

A lot of work has been done on the property over the last month, but there is plenty more to do. Anyone who wishes to help out should talk to Dan Thiem.

Voter's meeting is next month,

Oct 19th. Voter's plan to start calling a third full time teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at the January voter's meeting.

There were a lot of good comments about the "Service in the Woods" we will plan on doing it again next year.

There was some discussion about Monday night services.

# SCHOOL FUND

Faith Lutheran School's checking account was down to \$16.00. Please remember the school in your prayers and offerings. A special envelope for school offerings has been put in everyone's box.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jim and Alison Brown were blessed with a girl, Jemma Noelle on Monday.

# FAITH ALIVE - POTLUCK

Will meet again at 5pm on Oct 22nd

# **Call News**

The Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL, has accepted the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.





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