



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September, 2020
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Moving forward in faith by providing
spiritual and physical nourishment to all God’s people.”

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

****Indicates to please stand as you are able***

GATHERING SONGS

“Choose Your Seat and Sit Down”

Plenty good room, plenty good room,
Plenty good room in my father’s kingdom.
Plenty good room, plenty good room,
Just choose your seat and sit down.

Blessings abound, blessings abound,
Blessings abound in my father’s kingdom.
Blessings abound, blessings abound
Just choose your seat and sit down.

Love to be found, love to be found,
Love to be found in my father’s kingdom.
Love to be found, love to be found,
Just choose your seat and sit down.

“Hosanna”

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

REFRAIN: Lord, we lift up Your name,
With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord, my God
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings;
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings. REFRAIN

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. REFRAIN

Hosanna in the highest (3x)

“Your Love is Everlasting”

Since time began, through centuries
God’s love is everlasting
To distant unknown galaxies
God’s love is everlasting.
Splendor springs forth ‘cross the land.
God’s love is everlasting
Abundance, sharing hand in hand
God’s love is everlasting.

REFRAIN: Your love (your love) is lasting,
Your love is everlasting.
Your love (your love) is lasting,
Your love is everlasting.

Signs of hope, a voice of peace
God’s love is everlasting.
The prophet’s cry for war to cease
God’s love is everlasting.
For the down and out
And high and proud
God’s love is everlasting,
Come all you people shout out loud
God’s love is everlasting.

REFRAIN (3x)

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Welcome to worship this 15th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Welcome to those who are present, as well as those watching or listening from home. If you're interested in membership, please contact the church office.

~Thank you to our:

~Musicians ~Technology team ~Usher team ~Worship team

“ Committees: Please get your budget ready for the Congregational meeting on November 15th.

“ We are looking for donations for the Children's Bible Fund (baptism, 3yr old, 3rd grade). Please specify on the check/envelope or you can give as a memorial gift.

“ Hot Muffins has resumed on Wednesdays @ 9am.

~ Committee meetings will be on Wed. Sept. 16th @ 7pm with Council meeting to follow.

~ Communion will be on Wednesday September 23rd @ 5:30 with Bishop Craig Anderson presiding.

**Let us join in a spirit of worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin in the name of the Father,

And of the † Son,

And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"They'll Know We are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored.

**REFRAIN: And they'll know we are Christian
By our love by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land. **REFRAIN**

We will work with each other
We will work side by side.

**We will work with each other
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each one's pride. REFRAIN**

**All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us all one. REFRAIN**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis, the 50th chapter...

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103 - sung

“Bless the Lord O My Soul”

REFRAIN: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and

Whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. REFRAIN

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. REFRAIN

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forever more. REFRAIN

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Romans, the 14th chapter...

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike.

Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. 7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If 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. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter...

Glory to you, O Lord.

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY

"Amazing Grace" #779 verses 1,2,5

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.**

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!**

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

One of the projects of our church each year is to make and fill backpacks. This year we have completed 103 backpacks to be given to Lutheran World Relief. We have 51 more bags to complete and are asking for your monetary donation to the project. This is your chance to: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. The committee will do the shopping for the necessary supplies. Please put your contribution in in the basket by the boxes displayed. You can also drop off your donation this coming week at the church office. There is an extreme urgency this year as 3 shipping containers of quilts, school kits and other projects were destroyed in an

explosion in the harbor in Lebanon. Let's fill the bags and get them on their way.

APOSTLES CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed....

**I believe in God
the Father Almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors, especially...

Dallas Schellberg, Dave Ludvigson, Alice Johnson, Skip Blahosky, Deb Bauler, Leroy Lund, Harper Lucas, Bonnie Vaala, Ron Christensen, Dale Kolas, Sue Skoien, Marlene Johnson, Joel Churness, Carol Olson, Philip Havel, Jerry Oстераas, Sammy Summerland, and all those we name before you now.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And for those confined to nursing homes:
Ken Beyer, Lil Lyng, Alice Morken, Gayle Weber, Nylene Shelstad, Betty Peterson, Ron Redepenning, Dale Olson, Annabell Engebretson, and Don Husby.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have shown us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

I invite you to take a moment to text someone to share the peace and let them know that you're thinking of them.

OFFERING

As we share out tithes and offerings this day, I want to thank each of you for the ways you minister to others and care for your neighbors. I invite you to continue your support of Faith Lutheran Church, and the many ministries that make a difference to others throughout our community, nation, and world. Thank you again for the many ways you respond to God's amazing grace through your tithes and offerings.

(Our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your offering on your way out.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You provide us with all that we need, including your love and forgiveness. Nourish us through your many gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

**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 debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen

BLESSING

Receive the Blessing...

Mothering God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Send Us Out"

We have been called by the Lord.

We have been saved by the Word.

Now let the Word be restored.

Now let the Gospel be heard.

REFRAIN: Send us out to teach

What God has done.

Send us out to reach

Ev'ry single one.

Send us out. Send us out.

**We who were bound by our shame,
Ruled by our fears within.
Stand and declare by the name,
Freedom from all of our sin. REFRAIN**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve God. **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Worship Assistants

Worship Leader: Bart Hill

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager: Jessica Borstad

Education Coordinator: Ronda Helgemo

Reader: Singers

Video/Audio: Technology Team

Usher Team: 1

Readings for September 20th

Jonah 3:10--4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week. Contact the church office at 598-3630 to add or remove a person.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Ken Beyer, Lil Lyng, Alice Morken, Gayle Weber, Nylene Shelstad, Betty Peterson, Ron Redepenning, Dale Olson, Annabell Engebretson, and Don Husby.

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****HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK****

Sunday, September 20

9 am Worship Service Outside & online

Monday, September 21

7pm AA AL Anon

Wednesday, September 16

7pm Committee meetings & Executive council meeting to follow

Sunday, September 27

9 am Worship Service in Church & online

September 6th

Church Attendance:

41

Offering:

\$3,845.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Don't forget that you can listen to the Sunday service on KLQP 92.1 @ 11:30AM or watch it on Channel 8 @ 3:30PM. You may also view ALL past and present services on our website: www.faithlutheranmadison.org and our Facebook page.
- ◆ **Church Keys:** If you have any keys for the church or the fair stand, please call the office so that it can be documented. Ushers, if you have a key for the bank night deposit, please return it.
- ◆ Help Needed: The tech team is looking for help to run the camera and screens. If you can email or surf Facebook, you can do screens. If you take video of your friends/family you can use the camera. It is truly super easy!
- ◆ Just a reminder: Office hours are M/T 8:30-4:30, W 8:30-3:30, Th 8:30-4:30, F 9-3. The office is closed over the lunch hour from noon - 1pm.
- ◆ Committees: Please get your budget ready for the Congregational meeting on November 15th. The sheets are in your box in the office.
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- ◆ The Women of ELCA website has "A call to prayer in the time of a pandemic" every Tuesday @ noon. www.womenoftheelca.org
- ◆ Lutheran World Relief is asking for 75,000 cloth face masks to send with personal care kits. To take part visit www.lwr.org/masks You will find step-by-step instructions on how to make & instructions on how to package and ship to LWR warehouses. Let's continue to support one another & to find ways to help each other through these tough times.
- ◆ Looking for people to help out with our "Story Time Sunday School" to be posted on our church website. If you are creative and would like to help start this program please contact Ronda Helgemo or the Church office 320-598-3630

**We will be having a Communion Service on
Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 pm
with Bishop Craig Anderson presiding.**

**Please register online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
or contact the church office. Seating is limited to 50 for this service.**