

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 1, 2023 • 9AM

18th Sunday of Pentecost • Bread of Life Liturgy

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## INTRODUCTION

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

## PRELUDE

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

## CONFESSION AT THE FONT FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Rev. Wyn Bryant, Presiding Minister

Presiding Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

PM: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*silence for confession*

PM: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



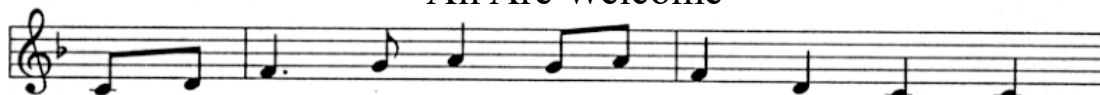
*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

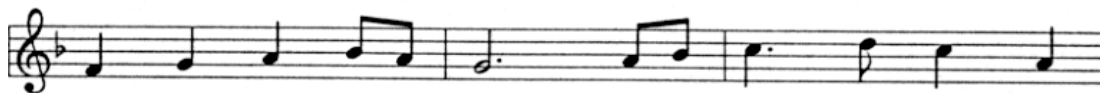
## GATHERING

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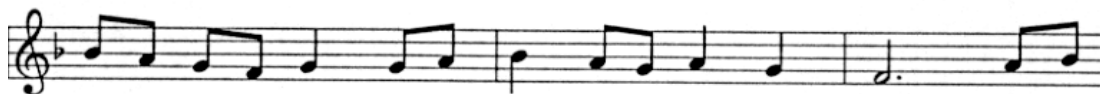
### All Are Welcome



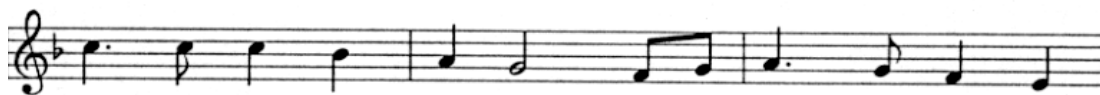
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their



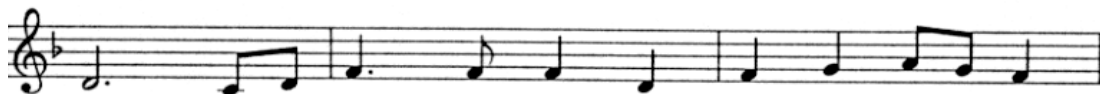
all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: a ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
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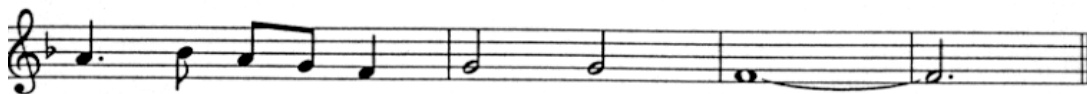
hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
out - cast and the strang - er bear the im - age of God's  
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

## GREETING

Presiding Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

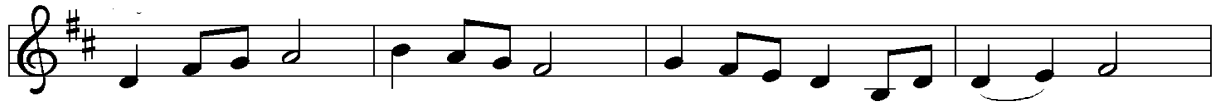


▣ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ▣ Christ, have mer - cy.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



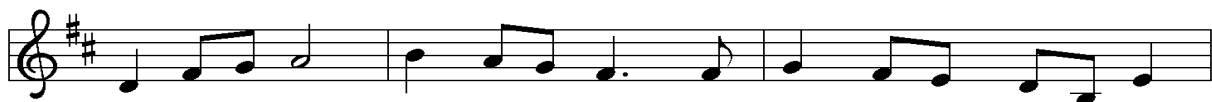
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presiding Minister: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

PM: Let us pray,

**All: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amy Canapa, Lector

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32** *Pew Bible pg. #769*

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. <sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9** *Pew Bible pg. #492*

Lector: <sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

**C: <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L: <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 2:1-13** *Pew Bible pg. #1071*

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** hymnal pg. 216, *stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
 lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32** *Pew Bible pg. #901*

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

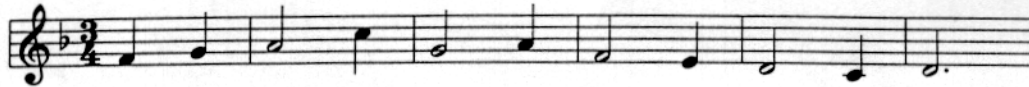
**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

*Saying versus Doing*

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

## Will You Come and Follow Me?



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er  
 your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er  
 your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er  
 your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er  
 my name. \_\_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er



be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you let my love be shown, \_\_\_\_  
 be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you risk the hos - tile stare \_\_\_\_  
 be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, \_\_\_\_  
 be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you use the faith you've found \_\_\_\_  
 be the same. \_\_\_\_ In your com - pa - ny I'll go \_\_\_\_



— will you let my name be known, \_\_\_\_ will you let my  
 — should your life at - tract or scare? \_\_\_\_ Will you let me  
 — and do such as this un - seen, \_\_\_\_ and ad - mit to  
 — to re - shape the world a - round, \_\_\_\_ through my sight and  
 — where your love and foot - steps show. \_\_\_\_ Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 what I mean in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 touch and sound in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 live and grow in you and you in me. \_\_\_\_

### APOSTLES CREED

Presiding Minister: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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

Assistant: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

Assistant: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,

**Congregation: receive our prayer.**

A: Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority (*local and national leaders may be named*). Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Silence for individual prayer petitions.*

Presiding Minister: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presiding Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## MEAL

### OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

### OFFERING ANTHEM

*Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake* Hymn #799, arranged by Johann H. Schein



**OFFERTORY** With One Voice, pg. 35, *stand*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presiding Minister: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

Presiding Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Presiding Minister: Holy, mighty & merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presiding Minister: With one voice, we pray:

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

**Lamb of God** *With One Voice, pg. 439*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION** *When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
 The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *hymnal, #763*

**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

**COMMUNION BLESSING** *stand*

Presiding Minister: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray,

**Congregation:** Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **THE CHARGE**

Presiding Minister: Love your neighbor. Love the stranger. Hear the cry of the otherwise unheard. Liberate the poor from their poverty. Care for the dignity of all. Let those who have more than they need share their blessings with those who have less. Feed the hungry, house the homeless and heal the sick in body and mind. Fight injustice, whoever it is done by and whoever it is done against. And do these things because, being human, we are bound by a covenant of human solidarity, whatever our color or culture, class or creed.

These are moral principles, not economic or political ones. They have to do with conscience, not wealth or power. But without them, freedom will not survive.\*

**Congregation:** Let the church speak! Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

Presiding Minister: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever.

**Congregation:** Amen.

*\*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, from Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times (New York: Basic Books) 2020.*

**SENDING HYMN** hymnal, #720, *stand*

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light!  
2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called called to be light for the king - dom, to  
called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



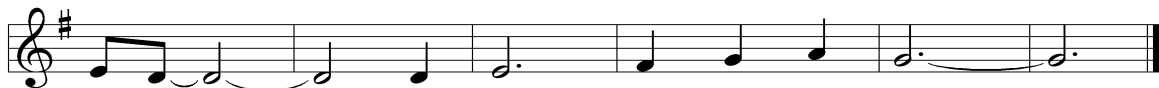
live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

### SENDING

Assistant: The worship is concluded, now the service begins.

**Congregation: We go to love God, love others, serve.**

A: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in F Major* G.P. Telemann

Flowers on the altar are given by **Gloria Fife** in memory of her husband, Ron.

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**Dr. Bob Stelter** — Pastor  
**Greg Bohlken** — Ministry Associate  
**Lynn Rognsvog** — Organist  
**Collin Kasefang** — Choir Director  
**Lisa Stelter** — Worship Graphics

**Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers**  
**Sandra Bohlken** — Contemporary Worship Leader  
**Trace Taylor** — Sound Technician  
**Tiffany Bryson** — Nursery Caregiver  
**Kim Frasch** — Quiet Music Ministry

**Mary Boring** — Office Manager  
**Phylis Garrison** — Publications  
**Barbara Birkholz** — Financial Secretary  
**Mildred Fenske** — Prayer Chain Coordinator  
**Alicia & David Brondos** — Missionaries

**WELCOME!** *As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.*

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Are you considering membership & want to know more about Faith Lutheran Church? See Greg Bohlken or contact him at [greg@faithloves.org](mailto:greg@faithloves.org).

## NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS between services.

### Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live in the sanctuary or online at:

[YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream)

### Sunday School Today — 10:15AM

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**, led by John Woods.

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**1ST & 2ND YEAR CLASSES** meet at 10:15am today

**3RD YEAR CLASS** meets today, 10/8 & 15, 10:15am

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** grades 5 & under.

**TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL** grades 6-12. youth room

Donuts, conversation & study Sunday Gospel.

## REHEARSALS

**HANDBELLS** — Wednesdays, 5:30pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR** — Wednesdays, 6:30pm

**PRAISE TEAM** — Thursdays, 6pm & Sundays, 10:15am

**RAISE THE ROOF!** Help us preserve our church home. Our roof needs to be replaced. To help support this project, please note "Raise the Roof" on your donations.

**2023 FLOWER CHART** Sign up on the flower chart by the library to honor or commemorate your loved ones with beautiful flowers on our altar. December 3 is available.

**COLUMBARIUM NICHES** are available to our members for \$1,800 and to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

### 9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Nancy Dean
Assisting Minister	Bill Steele
Lector	Amy Canapa
Communion Ministers	Debbie Ragucci, Mary Bales, Doug Bales
Greeter	Mary Beth Hallahan
Ushers	Jim Hallahan, Gary Mount
Offering Stewards	Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

## SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

**Open: Mondays October 2, 3-5pm & October 16, 3-6pm**

**Needs for our Holiday baskets for our pantry guests & families of students in our local schools:**

- Vegetable Oil (32oz plastic bottles)
- Tea bags (20—48 count) • Coffee, (1lb ground)
- Monetary donations for a ham or turkey.

Shepherd of Hope donation envelopes are in the narthex.

**Contact: Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm** led by John Woods.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK October 4**, RSVP for dinner (5:15-6:15pm) or sign up to help at <https://signup.com/go/QtQWwp>. Study & programs follow dinner—there's something for all!

**BLESSING OF THE PETS Saturday, October 7, 10am.**

**COOKIE WALK MEETING, Sunday, October 8, 10:15AM.** For everyone interested in with the cookie walk and craft fair.

**SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, October 10, 6:30pm** in the library. The Human Comedy by William Saroyan.

**GUATEMALA DISCERNMENT MEETING, Sunday, October 15, 10:15am.**

**TRUNKS NEEDED FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT Sunday, October 22, 5-7pm** at Farragut Presbyterian Church. RSVP to include your car trunk: [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).

**KNOXVILLE OPERA GOSPEL CHOIR FREE CONCERT Sunday, October 29, 5pm.** Tickets are required for this Free Event. For tickets sign in at: <https://tinyurl.com/KnoxGospelChoir>. Bring friends & neighbors!

## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **YOUTH GROUP 1ST WEDNESDAY, October 4, 5:15pm** meet in the Youth Room. We'll all go to dinner together.
- **YOUTH 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH** We join youth groups from local area Lutheran churches for activities and fun! October destination: Peace Lutheran Church.

**NOTICE:** Pastor Bob has never and will never ask for support or funds via email, text or Facebook. Report suspicious items to the office, 865-966-9626.

## Giving: 9.24.2023

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 7,570  
 Offerings Year to Date \$ 461,943  
 Walk by Faith as of August 31 \$ 750,476



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to donate now on our secure webpage.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Shannon Allred, Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Mary Blackburn, Rebecca Calderone, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Chuck Crosby, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Frasch, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Anne Loyocano, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinley, Bob Moore, Joe Morelli, Joe Poole, Lynda Primka, Toby Rosenbaum, Ken Savitz, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Gaylon Swenson, Linda Swenson, Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**FRIENDS:** Dixie Armstrong, Jenna Barbee, Caroline Beavers, Beckwith/Gobel families, David Berdal, Valborg Berdal, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Jack Cleve, Harold Chapel, Jan Colangelo, Marybeth Connor, Virginia Corona, Lisa Cox, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Milton Creighton, Damico family, Lois Douglas, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Jordan & Tyler Fordiani, Becky Franklin, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Gutelius family, John Hargrove, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymer, Donna Knick, Anthony Koran, Barb Korsmo, Rob Keiser, Anthony Koran, Long family, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Paul Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Bob Moore, Dennis Oellig, Steve Penney, Fred Pleasant, Susan Roig, Salles families, Jessica Savitz, Scaglione family, Victor Serrano, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Donna Smith, Austin Stephens, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Natalie Volz, Lynda Welter, Virginia Williams, Andrea Wilson, Susan Wymer, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Anne, Darcy, Jodi, John, Michael *and those we name to You.*

**JOY:** First Wednesday gatherings each month!

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Michael, Mark Schwarzentraub, Wayne Varnes, Nick Frank, Loise Black.

**SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS:** Sarah, Stephanie, Samantha, Mikala, Tara, Deniesha, Juan, Snake, Brandon, Andrew, John, Reggie, John, Colin, Steve, J.R., Zach, David, John, Clive, Brad, Larry.

**PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Hawaii, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Libya & Morocco. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

**LEARNING & PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT:** William Bales at Concordia (Ft. Wayne, IN) Seminary.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Bishop Eaton the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

**PEACE:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Nathan Goodall, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



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### WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-8, 2023

#### Sunday, October 1 18th Sunday of Pentecost

**9:00am** Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*  
10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*  
**10:15am** Children's Sunday School *5th Grades & under*  
Teen Sunday School *Grades 6-12*  
Adult Sunday School  
Confirmation Class 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year  
Praise Team Rehearsal  
**11:11am** Contemporary Worship  
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

#### Monday, October 2

**Noon** Via de Cristo Reunion Group *library*  
**3-5pm** Food Pantry open

#### Tuesday, October 3

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*  
6:00pm AL-ANON meeting *zoom*  
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

#### Wednesday, October 4 1st Wednesday

11:00am Alanon meeting  
4:00pm Staff meeting  
**5:15-7:30pm** 1st Wednesday Dinner & Programs  
5:30pm Children's Choir  
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 5

9:00am Authors Guild of Tennessee  
6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

#### Friday, October 6

**9:30am** Cole Center Parkinsons Band  
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

#### Saturday, October 7 Blessing of the Pets

10:00am Blessing of the Pets *Angel Garden*  
11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

#### Sunday, October 8 19th Sunday of Pentecost

**9:00am** Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*  
10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*  
**10:15am** Children's Sunday School *5th Grades & under*  
Teen Sunday School *Grades 6-12*  
Adult Sunday School  
Confirmation Class 3rd Year  
Cookie Walk Meeting *The Cup*  
Praise Team Rehearsal  
**11:11am** Contemporary Worship  
3:00pm Marj West *reserved The Cup*  
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8.

**Thursday:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23.

**Friday:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a. • **Saturday:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52.

**19th Sunday of Pentecost:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philemon 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.