



***September 19th,
2021***

***Celebration of Grace
Pentecost 17***

***We welcome you
with open arms & open hearts!***

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We are a family of God “because God first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Because you are here, you are part of the family—Welcome.

If you are new to Faith, we would like to be in touch with you.

Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or faithlutheran59840@gmail.com.

God Gathers the Body of Christ

Prelude

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Emma Mitchell

Greeting, Announcements & Prayer Requests

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

AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. You may also fill out a response card, located on the table in the narthex. No formal offering will be taken today. Please leave offering in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our Call to Worship)

Call to Worship

from 1 John & St. Francis of Assisi

PM: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

All: We love because God first loved us.

PM: If someone says, "I love God," yet hates a brother or sister, that person is a liar.

All: For one cannot love God, who is not seen, if one does not love a brother or sister, who is seen.

PM: This, then, is the commandment that God gave us: anyone who loves God must also love a brother or a sister.

All: O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Amen

Opening Response

AM: In the name of the Father, and Jesus his Son,
and the Holy Spirit we come,

All: We lift our voices in His praise and ask His will to be done.

Chorus: We sing alle, alleluia, Glory to our King.

We sing alle, alleluia, to the Lord of everything.

AM: Open our ears so we might hear Your word so sweet and true.

**All: Open our hearts so we might receive
the love pouring down from You. (Chorus 2x)**

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

Refrain: **Have mercy on us Lord, Christ have mercy on us all.
Everywhere we go, answering your call.**

**1. All around the world, people gather in your name,
Created by your hands, and in your eyes the same.**

(Refrain)

**2. Forgive us all our sins, so to your table we may go,
Sharing in your peace, your grace we all will know.**

(Refrain)

Confession and Forgiveness

**All: Holy One, trusting your love, we dare to be honest...
Our tongues speak of love, but our hearts hold anger;
our voices cry for compassion, but our hands withhold care;
you offer a path of light, but our feet lead us into darkness.
Forgive us these sins and those we can't reveal.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who died loving us, his enemies,
and rose to call us friends.**

Pm: Dear friends, “God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love—not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son to offer his life to show it.” (1 John 4:9-10) In Jesus’ name, you are forgiven. Live in love. Walk in light. Amen.

(PM: Please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks to Us in The Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector: A reading from the 11th chapter of Jeremiah:

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm 54

Lector: Today's Psalm is 54 (*Give response directions to congregation*)

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Lector: A reading from the 3rd chapter of James:

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.4:

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

PM: Holy wisdom, holy word... **All: Thanks be to God.**

Kids' Talk

Pastor Paul

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks ”

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Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Mark chapter 9:

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and

taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Song of Thanksgiving

**We have heard the voice of the Father,
and we have seen our Savior’s love.**

**We have felt the touch of the spirit,
so let’s give thanks to God.**

**Father, we give you thanks by laying before you
our time and our talents, the fruits of our fields;
our humble gifts to your kingdom’s glory.**

I am your servant, I’ll give you my all.

The Apostles’ Creed (*AM leads*)

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**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 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 the Church

- 1. Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer,
For the church, O, Lord, hear our prayer...**

Refrain: **Lord, we pray the prayer that You taught us to pray,
O, Lord please hear our prayer.**

- 2. For the lost, O, Lord, hear our prayer,
For our land, O, Lord, hear our prayer... (*refrain*)**

- 3. For the sick and weak, hear our prayer
From our hearts, O, Lord, hear our prayer... (*refrain*)**

Am: Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. We remember those who are in need of healing and those who mourn (*especially...*). Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope.

God, hear the prayers of your people. We pray without ceasing, trusting that your word never returns empty and your mercy never fails. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Pass the Peace

Pm: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you,
and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

**Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.**

**O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;**

**My soul shall glory in the Lord
for God has been so good to me.**

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

**All: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen**

Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever. (Communion will be served in individual portions)

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: Holy, mighty, and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

PM: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba
as 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**

PM: Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to
share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality,
and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. Christ has set
the table with more than enough for all.

Distribution

Blessing

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in his
grace now and forever. Amen. And...may our Lord, Jesus Christ
himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave

us eternal comfort and hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*)

All: Amen

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Jesus, Bread of Life,

All: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. Amen

God Sends Us into The World

Benediction

PM: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen

Sending Song

AM: Now let your servants go in peace with a song of joy in our hearts,

All: Bless us and keep us safe from harm while we are apart.

We sing alle, alleluia, Glory to our King.

We sing alle, alleluia, to the Lord of everything. (*repeat*)

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

<u>Today</u>	<u>Sept 19th</u>	<u>Sept 26th</u>
Accompanist	Susan Peterson	Amber Richardson
Guitarist	Tom Anderson	
Call To Worship	Emma Mitchell	
Ushers	Susan Wetzstoen	Jane Mason
Lector	Clyde Riggle	Nancy Osborn
Assisting Minister		
Projection	Scott Southwick	Scott Southwick
Video	Tom Denny	

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests.



Prayers for safety and healing: Cheryl, Charlene Riggle, Mary Schmidt, Mary Ann, Myrtle Irene Cosner, Steve Forseth, Tom Dolan, Tom Martin, Karla West, Wes and Andy, Rod Snook, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes.

Prayers for comfort: George O' Connell family, Family and friends of Mary McKillop, Mary Wood and family

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

Sapphire: Bertie Senn

Incarcerated: George Davis

Please let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.

***This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.
Please feel free to resubmit.***

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus' followers are to care for the powerless.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13–4:8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Serve others
Saturday	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, may we follow the way of Jesus and learn what it means to trust in you through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with this gift of food today, we thank you for caring for us with your goodness and mercy. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your life be blessed by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you describe your friends, the people with whom you associate regularly?
- Society encourages us to "climb the social ladder." What does that mean to you?
- How would you describe the life Jesus wants you to follow?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:30-37.

Chapters 8-10 in Mark include three predictions of Jesus' death. Each prediction is connected with his disciple's misunderstandings and then some kind of teaching about discipleship. The focus of Jesus' words is more than a general endorsement of humility. It moves us in the direction of personal association with the vulnerable and the powerless, those considered "last" in society. In Jesus' day and in the Roman Empire, a child was without power or importance. To lift up and value a child was contrary to social norms of Jesus' day. When Jesus describes his own life's work, he makes a claim on us. We are to follow his way, the way of suffering and being the last. It is an active rejection of domination and the powers of this world. What is evident in these predictions is that Jesus' followers don't get it. His understanding of what it means to be "first" in life is so different from what we hear and see in daily life. It takes time to understand what it means to follow Jesus. It may take a lifetime. In the meantime, we are to care for the people who feel unimportant

and powerless and be able to celebrate with them that life is redeemed and blessed. Who would you identify in your community as those who are considered powerless and “last of all”?

Pray: Almighty God, through Jesus, you come to us with a power like no other. Help us to follow Jesus into a new way of life that loves you and all others. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Mark 9:37) Many places in the world and in our own communities have children in need. Think or talk about children who are in need of food, clothing, and shelter. Keep them in your prayers. Is there a way you can help and support children in need or an organization that works with them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The International Day of Peace is observed each year on September 21st. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. The Bible reading for Tuesday this week is from James 3. “*And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*” (v. 18) Think or talk about what it takes to make peace. Then write a list of situations or places that are in need of peace. Light a candle as you pray for each one on your list. Then pray:

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, please bring your peace to _____ . Amen.

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