



October 3rd, 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

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Scott Southwick

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

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Genesis 2:18-24

Lector: A reading from the 2nd chapter of Genesis:

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm 8

Lector: Today’s Psalm is 8 (*Give response directions to congregation*)

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

¹O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
**⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹ O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L: 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 10:2-16

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Mark chapter 10

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God’s surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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.*

The Offering

“Taste and See”

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**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: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Almighty God, + bless you with grace, mercy and peace, now and forever. Amen.

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!

Today	Oct 3rd	Oct 10th
Accompanist	Colleen Southwick	Youth
Call To Worship		
Ushers	Judy Wilson	Youth
Lector	Jennifer Manillo	Youth
Assisting Minister	Scott Southwick	Jane Mason
Projection	Susan Peterson	Scott Southwick

Video	Rick Brown	Rick Brown

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, , Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes

Prayers for comfort: Family and Friends of Rod Snook, Family and Friends of Matt Hurley

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

Sapphire: Bertie Senn

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus heals and blesses the defenseless.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
Monday	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a human partner
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	God has spoken through Jesus
Wednesday	Psalms 147:1-11	Praise the Lord
Thursday	Joel 2:18-27	God's response and promise
Friday	Acts 3:1-10	Peter heals a cripple
Saturday	Psalms 8	God honors humanity
Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Truly I [Jesus] tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. **Mark 10:15-16 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of tender care, help us to care for creation, for human beings, and family relationships so that we may serve one another in peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this food we give thanks and praise that you are aware of our needs and care for us with your majesty. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the glory of God bless you to live, to love, and to serve in Jesus' name.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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:

- What words would you use to describe a good relationship with someone?
- What hurts relationships with others?
- God desires us to have life-giving relationships. In what ways can you fulfill God’s desire for relationships with others?

DEVOTIONS 

Read: Mark 10:2-16.

When we read that the Pharisees ask Jesus about divorce, our bodies can easily tighten. Divorce has touched all of our lives. We know that at times divorce, as painful as it is, is better than remaining in a hurtful relationship. Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: God desires life-giving relationships, not divorce. Why is this so important? Because in Jesus’ day women and children paid the greatest price in a divorce. Family life is foundational to our social fabric. For much of our history—and especially during Judaism of the New Testament—the protection provided by the shelter and wealth of a husband and father was essential to survival. Without it, women and children were left poor and ostracized by society. Today, men, too, can be the ones left with grief and distress. Jesus is speaking here to defend defenseless lives. He is teaching his disciples as they journey to Jerusalem to care for the helpless, the poor, and the socially dispossessed. This story in Mark about divorce, women, and children ends by caring for the two groups hurt most in a divorce in his day: women and children. He does not chastise them. He offers them his healing care, lays his hands on the children, and blesses them. How have you helped people who have been affected by divorce?

Pray: **God of life and healing, help us to care for one another another with our words and our actions through the healing Jesus Christ. Amen.**

and to protect one touch of our Savior,



SERVICE 

Genesis 2:18-24 has real humor woven into the story of the creation of the woman. The all-knowing God has difficulty finding a helper and partner for the human being just created. Finally, God creates the woman as the perfect match. In describing the greatest mysteries of life, the Bible can be playful. As you enjoy relationships with others, be sure to find time for play and humor with those around you this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Go outside at night this week when the night sky isn't hidden by clouds. When you go inside, talk about the beauty of the sky and the different constellations that you saw. End your time by reading Psalm 8. If you are with others, close with this blessing:

May the majesty of God bless you to live and serve others in Jesus' name.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org