

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



† DIVINE SERVICE †

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

(LSB 900)

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

T **WORD** T

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1-5 (antiphon: 147:6)

- P The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- C **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- P The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- C **He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**
- P He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
- C **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well0beng of the Church of God, and for the unity
of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into

all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32* (Turn from unrighteousness to follow God)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"We Speak Your Name"

(Martin, arr. Drennan)

Rodd Bauck, vocal soloist

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

(Live as children of light)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

(Jesus questions his questioners)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655)

SERMON "Who's at Fault?" (Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32)
Pastor Cory Rajek

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SHARING GOD'S PEACE
those around us.

We share God's peace with

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession, and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P Make us to know Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in the path of salvation made known in Your Word. Hear our complaints and quiet them by Your merciful deliverance, that we may respond with trust and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless Donald, our president; Kristi, our governor; and all those elected and appointed to make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Enlighten us with godly knowledge and wisdom, O Lord, and bless those who pursue science to improve our lives and the lives of those in greatest need. Bless all honorable vocations and all honest labor, and lead the unemployed to good jobs and noble work not only for their own interests but for the good of us all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Show us Your compassion, O Lord, and in Your mercy grant healing, comfort and peace to all those who suffer. Deliver them from all their afflictions, pain, sorrow and fear. We especially pray for _____ and all those we name silently in our hearts before You.

- Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
P Grant to us all good things needful for this body and life and profitable for our salvation, and keep from us all things harmful, that sustained in time of want and guarded in time of prosperity, we may endure to the day of our Lord's coming and, trusting in You, receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C **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.**

The 8:30am/7:00pm services continue on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

11:00 am

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.


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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,

which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

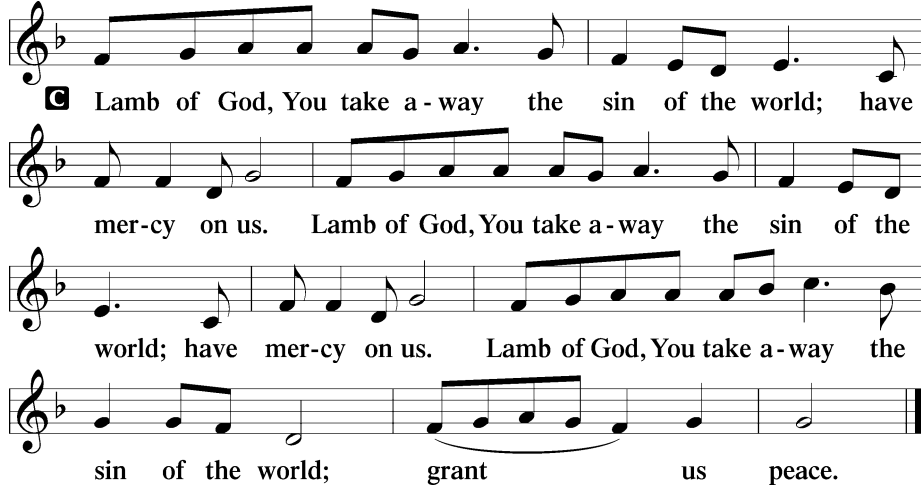
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI



G 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.



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" (LSB 704)
- "What Wondrous Love is This" (LSB 543)
- "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" (LSB 812)

DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

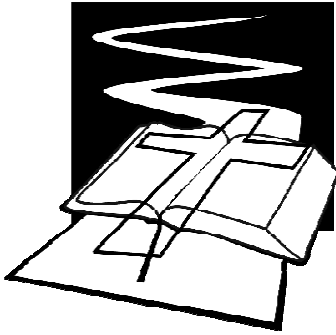
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(LSB 549)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPT 27/SEPT 30
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



AS WE GATHER It has become commonplace to speak of God as responsible for determining life and death for us. So we wonder where is God's justice when the innocent suffer or His mercy when tragedy strikes. But the Lord insists He has no pleasure in the death of anyone—not even the sinner who deserves his punishment. God's good and gracious will is that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son. Think how differently we would approach the troubles and trials that affect us and the greater disasters of the world if we took the Lord at His Word and trusted in His will.

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day long.

Psalms 25:4-5

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

Individual Communion Anyone wishing to receive communion other than at the service may call the office to set up a time for you to commune.

Wednesday Worship Services The worship services will begin at 7:00 pm. The service will follow the same format as the previous Sunday. Communion will be offered on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Sept. 16, Att. 21; General Fund \$450.00; **Sun., Sept. 20, Att. 185;** General Fund \$10,925.35; Building Fund \$75.00; Love Fund \$110.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$200.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) by Berea Circle in memory of Vic Fosheim \$50.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Berea Circle has just received some new Lutheran Study Bibles for anyone wishing to purchase one. Great resource for your home or corporate Bible studies. Check it out in the Living Room Library area.

Adult Inquirers Class A wonderful class for everyone that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically

Lutheran as well. This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family. **This class will meet Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm** in the gym of the Christian Family Life Center. Lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Rajek or the office for details (224-2216).

Preschool Fundraiser Our Preschool needs your support. They are fundraising through Rada Cutlery. Are you looking for Christmas, birthday, anniversary or wedding gifts? Rada Cutlery has gift sets and many items priced under \$15!

You may place your orders online at

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4647937.fb6c45> or pick up a catalog from Helen in the church office. **Checks must be made payable to Faith Lutheran Preschool.** Our Preschool will receive 40% of each sale. Orders must be turned in by November 6. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Sept. 27, 2020

10:00 AM-This is the Life-"Sharing the Gospel"-Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end.

10:30 AM-Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher, pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD presents today's message "Hope and Hopelessness Meet in Jesus." The scripture base is Luke 7:11-17. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope." *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 27

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer
6:30 pm Bible Study in Living Room

Mon: Sept. 28

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Sept. 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
5:30-7:00 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Church Council

Wed: Sept. 30

5:30 pm Ladies Ensemble Practice
5:30 pm Middle School Students Meet in Gym
6:00 pm Midweek

6:00 pm Bible Study (Beautiful Feet)

7:00 pm Wednesday Worship Service

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Oct. 1

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Fri: Oct. 2

8:00-10:00 am Oahe Child Development Mtg.

Sun: Oct. 4

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

6:30 pm Bible Study in Living Room

7:00 pm Board of Elders

7:30 pm Board of Missions

Faith Lutheran Youth

Here's what's happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran...



Middle school students – We don't have a name for this new group! All middle school students can participate in a game or activity, similar to the high school group. This is a great time to exercise our bodies before we fill our minds with God. **Wednesdays at 5:30PM, right before Midweek.**

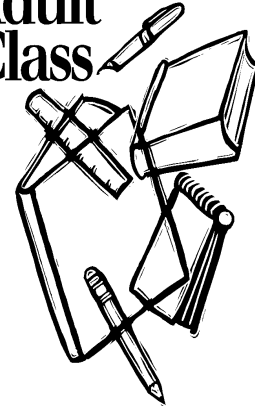
High School students – *Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)*. High school students gather for a game or activity, like sardines, kickball, or Pictionary. We also learn about how God interacts with us in our daily lives. **Wednesdays at 8:00PM**

High School students – Julie Kongslien and Carolyn Ryckman will investigate how to see our daily events through a Christian view. Come and discuss how your daily decisions are based on God’s Word. **Sundays at 9:45AM in**

**Jon’s
Place.**

Adult Inquirer's

**New
Adult
Class**



**New Adult Class will be held
Saturday, October 24, 2020
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm**

- * Terrific review for Lutherans
- * Membership for non-Lutherans
- * What do Lutherans believe about infant Baptism?
- * What does the Bible teach about Jesus?
- * How many Gods are there?
- * Do Lutherans believe differently than others about the Lord’s Supper?
- * These and other topics, plus all your questions, will be a part of our Adult Inquirer’s Class.

**You are invited to join us for this study
the 24th of October from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
at Faith Lutheran Church led by Pastors Rajek & Handschke**

_____ **Yes, (I) (We) will be attending the Adult Inquirer’s Class**

NAME

PHONE

“Thus far has the Lord helped us.”
I Samuel 7:12