

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 "Word of God Come Down On Earth" (LSB 545)

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.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 31:14-16; (antiphon Ps. 31:24)

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

C **But I trust in you, O LORD;**
I say, "You are my God."

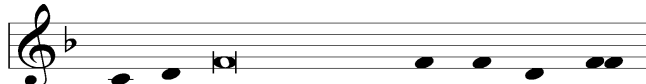
P My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C **Make your face shine on your servant;**
save me in your steadfast love!

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 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

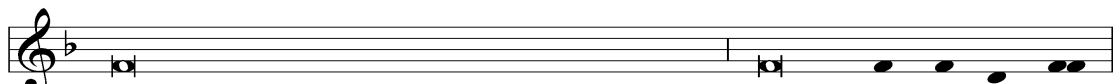
KYRIE




A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



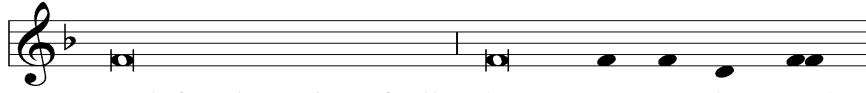
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



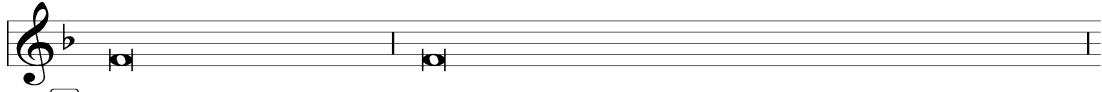
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



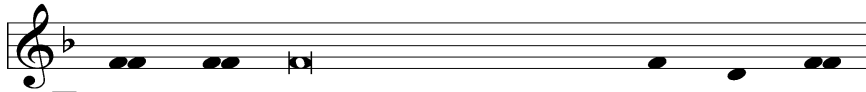
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



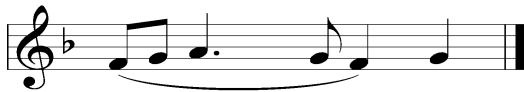
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “*Glory to God in the Highest*”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C 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.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-10

(Isaiah urges a bold faith.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Mungu ni Mwema” with “God Is So Good” (*Mark Burrows*)

Men’s Ensemble assisted by Women’s Quartet

Clare Swanson & Dustin Ortbahn, Percussion

EPISTLE

Romans 8:26-30

(More than Conquerors)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because^[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,^[b] for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:14–29* (Jesus exorcizes a spirit after the disciples are not able.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth 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)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" (LSB 554)

SERMON "God Will Do Good" (Romans 8:26-30)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

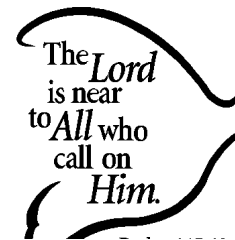
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, we believe; help our unbelief! Sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world. When unclean spirits afflict us and those that we love, revive our trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given Your beloved Son the tongue of one who is taught, that He may know how to sustain with a word those who are weary. Prosper in every place the preaching of Your Gospel. By Your Spirit, enable Your



pastors to proclaim the Word with clarity and joy, and by the same Spirit open the ears of Your children to believe it with gladness and action. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, guard the tongues of our governing authorities, [*especially* _____,] that they may not stumble in what they say, but speak wisely, leading in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You have promised that “all things are possible for one who believes.” In such faith, we bring before You _____ and all others in need, asking You to grant them health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, we know that Your Son is near in His Holy Supper, giving in His body and blood His saving righteousness for the forgiveness of sins. Grant repentance and faith to all who come to His table, that they may welcome Him with joy, praying, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 11:00 am service continues on page 11 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 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** ✠
8:30 am service

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.

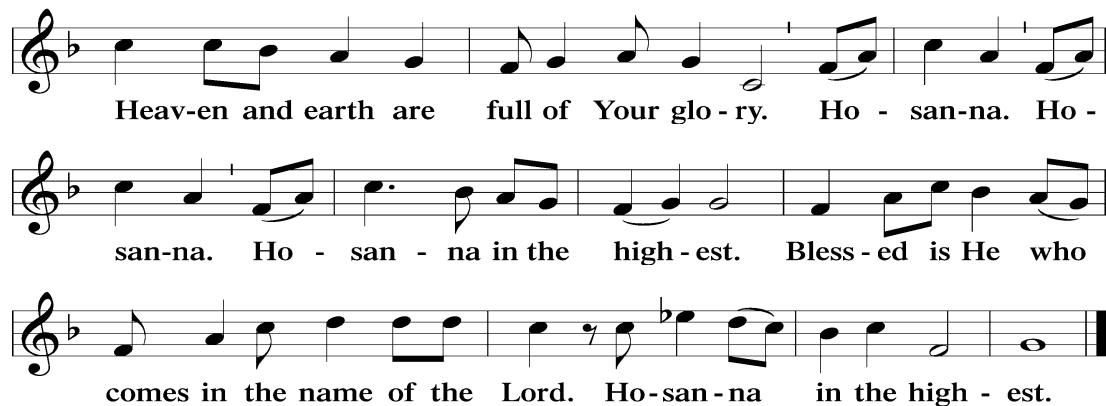
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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



C 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 Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C 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

- "Thy Body, Given For Me, O Savior" (LSB 619)
- "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion" (LSB 559)
- "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" (LSB 704)



(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

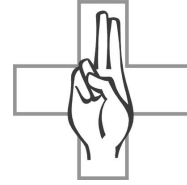
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" (LSB 560)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER In today's Gospel, the father of a possessed boy says, "If you can do anything . . ." As God in the flesh, Jesus can do anything—and He wants to! His concern is never an "if," but an "always." When our troubles increase, their resolution awaits not God's intention but our waffling faith in His concern. Few of us have the resolve and bravado of Isaiah in the Old Testament Reading. Seldom do we recognize how we use our tongues for both good and evil. Today the Scriptures encourage us to turn from relying on ourselves to putting our faith-borne trust in Him alone.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD! Psalm 31:24

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Sept. 4, Att. 39; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Sept. 8, Att. 287;** General Fund \$13,005.71; Sunday School \$19.00; Building Fund \$100.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bible Studies \$112.00; Ark Bus Trip \$400.00; HVAC \$300.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Grief Support Group Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one at a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us! Community Bible Church on North Harrison Ave. **Started Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 2:00-4:00pm, 13 week session.** Contact Char Russell, Carol Gengler, Scott Granville, Nancy Thomsen, or Marc Scarborough, for more information. Find more information at griefshare.org.

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank the members of the Board of Education: Ellen Blauert, Kassie Gordon, Amy Hatheway, Mark Koch, and Jess Paul, as well as the members of the Board of Parish Fellowship: Melanie Fuerst, Heather Pelle, Lavonn Peters, Pam Schieckoff, and Melodee Shoup, for making Rally Day and the beginning of our education year a wonderful success.

CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER

Motor Coach Tour Dates: *October 20-25, 2024*

You will be amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter!

Travel via Faith Motor Coach. **Tentative**

Itinerary: Day 1-2: Travel to Kentucky, **Day 3:**

Tour Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY, **Day 4:**

Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY, **Day 5-6:** Travel to Pierre, SD. Bus travel cost per person \$200. Deposit required. Museum and Ark tickets will be reserved and reimbursed. *You need to reserve your rooms by Sept. 21. Reservation instructions are on the table in the Living Room in front of Berea Gift Shop.* Room costs will vary based on occupants and meals paid individually. **Please sign up as soon as possible.**

See www.faithluth.com/arktrip/ for details.



NEEDED: Gift items for the popular gift baskets that will be sold again at this year’s Country Fair. Please label “For Gift Baskets” and leave in the big coat closet in the Narthex by September 30th.

- Cute notepads
- Kitchen items such as dish towels, dish cloths, potholders, measuring cups & spoons, ladles & wooden spoons
- Cups & mugs
- Hand soaps, lotions & candles that will fit in a gift basket
- Playing cards
- Assorted candy (wrapped), jerky, packages of trail mix, individual packets of coffee, hot cocoa & tea, South Dakota popcorn items
- Small kids’ items that will fit in a basket
- Golf balls, tees, & golf towels
- Other small gift items that will fit in a basket

Thanks!

Higher Things Conference 2025 The mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. The closest *All Things New* conference will be July 8-11, 2025 at Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE. Everlasting life belongs to all who believe...one day. But for us, some days, that day feels far away. Like it'll never come...like it's been made for someone other than you. Live a steadfast faith today no matter what things look like because you rest on a yesterday that was made whole on the cross. Realize that God hates the same things you war against too, but he has already won the victory...the victory that makes *All Things New*.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **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.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Conspiracy of Silence" A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jacob Smith, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descendants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all the glory!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Sunday School continues from 9:45-10:45AM. This class time is focused on sharing God's story with the students. They will learn about the various people involved in this story, men and women from the Old and New Testament.

We also invite students in 2nd grade through 8th grade to **Midweek/Catechism** classes. Classes began Wednesday, Sept 11, from 6:00-6:45PM. This time is focused on the teachings which God gives in His Word.

Both of these times, Sunday School and Midweek/Catechism, are focused on different yet complementary aspects of God and His Word. Students are encouraged to attend *both* classes.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 15

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow
3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Sept. 16

6:30 pm Christ Care
7:00-10:00 pm Pickleball

Tues: Sept. 17

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Bd. Of Early Education

Wed: Sept. 18

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Sept. 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions
12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck
6-8 pm MOPS

Fri: Sept. 20

5-9 pm LWML Exec. Board Mtg.

Sat: Sept. 21

8am-3pm SD District LWML Mtg.

Sun: Sept. 22

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Rebekah Circle-Young Rm
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion

