FOURTEENTH 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



T DIVINE SERVICE T

OPENING HYMN

"Father Welcomes"

(LSB 605)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

T WORD T

INTROIT

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

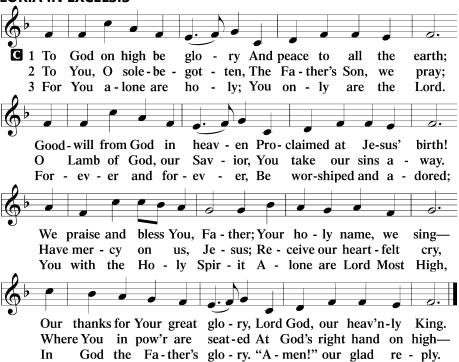
- P Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!
- C But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
- P My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- C Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
- 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!



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.







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 Deuteronomy 8:2-3

(Do not forget the LORD.)

2_And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3_And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

After the reading:

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" Laura Streich, vocal soloist Andrew Wulf, flute (arr. Robert Hobby)

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9-13

(Faith in the Son of God.)

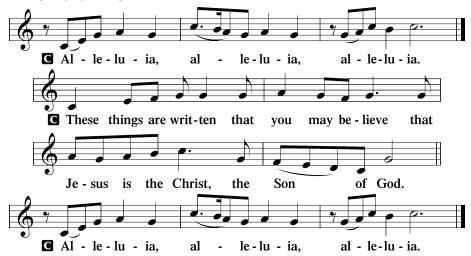
⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

After the reading:

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and **VERSE**



HOLY GOSPEL John 6:53-58, 67-69

(Jesus the Bread of Life.)

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth 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 "Lord of the Dance" (see insert)

SERMON "Equipping God's People for Life: Eternal Life"

Pastor Sam Handschke

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11:00am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Our Lord, Jesus Christ, came down from heaven to seek after us lost sheep and to bring us home rejoicing. Let us call upon Him in thanksgiving and petition for ourselves and all people.

Brief silence

P O Father in heaven, we pray to You through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Grant that we may daily recognize that You provide for our every need of body and soul. We praise and bless Your holy name for these gifts from above. Lord, in Your mercy,

The Lord

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to All who

call on

- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding Your people. Bless them in their work of providing Your gifts to those You have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, our King, You appoint princes and all governing authorities. Remember those You have placed in authority over us, and grant that they might fulfill their responsibilities according to Your Word and for the good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord of life, You heal and deliver. Hear our cries for all who are in need of strength and rescue [especially]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Father in heaven, Your Son, who drew near to eat with sinners, now feeds His people with His own body and blood. Gather Your people as a shepherd gathers lost sheep. Remove from them whatever is contrary to sound doctrine and give them repentant hearts, that they might rejoice with the angels in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Most merciful God, remember Your baptized children who have wandered from the household of faith. Pursue them as a shepherd who seeks lost sheep. Strengthen their families to persist in prayer and confidence in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, You bring up the souls of Your people from Sheol. Receive our thanks that You restore to life Your people who go down to the pit, and preserve us in faith until we sing Your praises with them in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, all things are Yours, and You have promised to well supply us with all that we need. Give us courage and faith, that we may give a confident "amen" to these prayers, certain that You will give us all that is good and beneficial to our salvation and preserve us from all things harmful, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both 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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and 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 pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T 11:00 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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



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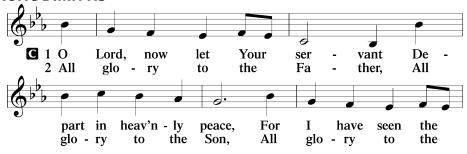
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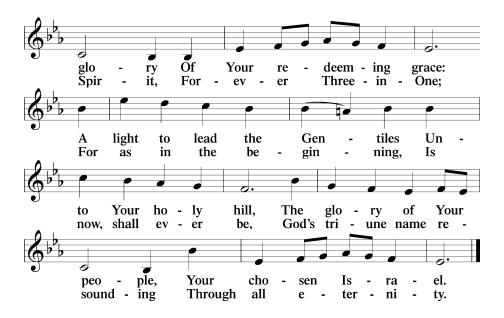
"Lamb of God" (LSB 550)
"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS





POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- 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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

(LSB 783)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER "Equipping God's people for life." We focus for the next four weeks upon the gift of life that God gives. We'll look at it in a very particular way: God gives us the promise of **eternal life**, the destination that we will reach after this **lifelong journey** of learning more about him, which is filled with choices in our **daily lives** as we live according to his design, a time in which we share **life together** as we celebrate joys and encourage each other during hardship and struggle.

Today we'll hear about Jesus as the source of our **eternal life**. Other people and things make claims and promises to improve or ease our lives. All of them have limits about what they can provide. But Jesus is not limited. He gives us an eternal future full of peace and joy and happiness, something that no one else can provide. We continue to turn towards him and place our confidence in his promise of eternal life.

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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 Fourteenth 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 Sam Handschke.

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.

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.

If you have envelope number 312 please contact Helen in the office at 605-224-2216.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Aug. 31, Att. Not recorded; Offering \$36.00; Sun., Sept. 4, Att. 192; General Fund \$13,917 Building Fund \$225.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bible Studies \$20.00.

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.

Congregational Directory It has been six years since we had photos taken for our last directory. It is once again time to put together a new one. We have had so many changes to our congregation in the last few years that our last directory is very outdated. This is a wonderful way for new members to become acquainted with other faces in the congregation. Please let Helen know in the office if you wish to



volunteer and help facilitate this project. **We would love to have every family in our congregation represented in the new directory.** No high-pressure sales pitch. Every family represented will get a FREE 8 x 10 photo and a directory. If you want to purchase more, you may do so. The dates when pictures will be taken are October 19-22, November 2-5, December 5-10, and January 2-7. All pictures taken and ordered at the October, November, and December settings will be available by Christmas. Sign-ups for settings will begin the week after Labor Day. You may call the office to schedule. We will be scheduling after each worship service also.

Teacher's Meeting Our next teacher's meeting will be held on Monday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Substitute teachers are also welcome. Please come and spend time together with your fellow teachers.

The Board of Education will meet TODAY, Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m.

Facility Administrator Position Opening Chris Corder, our Facility Administrator, has decided to take a position with the SD Dept. of GF&P. If you are interested in the Facility Administrator position for our church, or know someone that is, please drop off a resume to Helen in the church office or email it to: businessmanager@faithluth.com. A job description is available in the church office or on the church website by clicking Job Opening on the home page.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES ORGANIZING It will soon be time for our music ensembles to begin forming and rehearsing. Due to so many people on the go, traveling on weekends, and being overcommitted, we have changed up our rehearsals a bit.

CHOIR – Last year we began by scheduling a few Sundays where most of our voices were available to sing, and then rehearsed for two or three weeks prior. Attendance at rehearsals was good, and we also had the benefit of working on one song per rehearsal, rather than multiple pieces. We're going to continue doing this, as it produced good results.

BELL CHOIR – A number of years ago, we ditched weekly rehearsals in favor of the same operating schedule the choir follows. We have a pool of ringers who commit to a particular Sunday where all the bells can be covered, and like the choir, commit to two or three rehearsals prior. Ringers must be able to read music and understand and apply rhythm concepts.

If you are interested in choir, a small vocal ensemble or bell choir, but have not participated, please contact Karen Lindbloom at 605-280-2490 or at bolmd@pie.midco.net. You can also contact the office. We are aiming to have the choir sing at least two or three times before the end of the year, and the bell choir ring at least twice during the same time period.

Country Fair We are preparing for this year's Country Fair. Please consider serving in one of many ways or donate items (food or crafts) - the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You can also join us on **Saturday, Oct 1 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM** and purchase some wonderful items. The money raised helps out with ministries here at Faith as well as in our state and country.

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?

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "A Nice Girl Like You" - A widowed pastor dates a middle aged single woman in his parish, but when she professes her love he tells her he cannot return it.

10:30 AM - Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher, pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran in Black Hawk, presents a message titled "Eyes That See Jesus." This sermon is based on Luke 10:23-37. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "A Christian funeral isn't the end. Yes, we don't deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That's Christian. Because the dead don't stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Parents – the second graders will receive their Bibles and the fourth graders will receive their Small Catechisms on **Sunday**, **September 25**th. They will be handed out at both services, so please attend your usual worship service.

JYM – **Middle School Youth Group** Students in 6th-8th grade, please join us for JYM youth group. We meet on Sept. 18 from 2:00-5:00PM and on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We'll play a game, spend time studying God's word, and enjoy a delicious snack. This time will connect us with one another and with Jesus.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 11 PATRIOT DAY and GRANDPARENTS DAY

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

2:00 pm Board of Education

7:00 pm Board of Elders

7:30 pm Board of Missions

Mon: Sept. 12 7:00 pm LWML

7:00 pm Usher Meeting

Tues: Sept. 13

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am Circuit Conference

6:15 pm Board of Property Management

7:00 am Berea Circle

Wed: Sept. 14

6:00 pm Catechism

6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study

6:00 pm Romans Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF **Thurs: Sept. 15**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young 6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

7:00 pm Psalms Study in Sanctuary

Fri: Sept. 16

5:00-9:00 pm LWML Basket Set-up

Sat: Sept. 17

8:00 am-2:00 pm LWML in Gym

Sun: Sept. 18

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Boards of Stewardship/Endow

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Study

