THE THIRTEENTH 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

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

(LSB 811)

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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Ps. 111:1-5; (antiphon: Ps. 111:10)

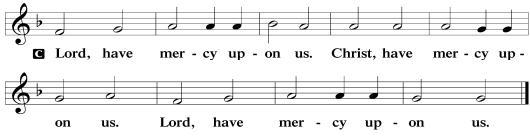
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His praise endures forever!

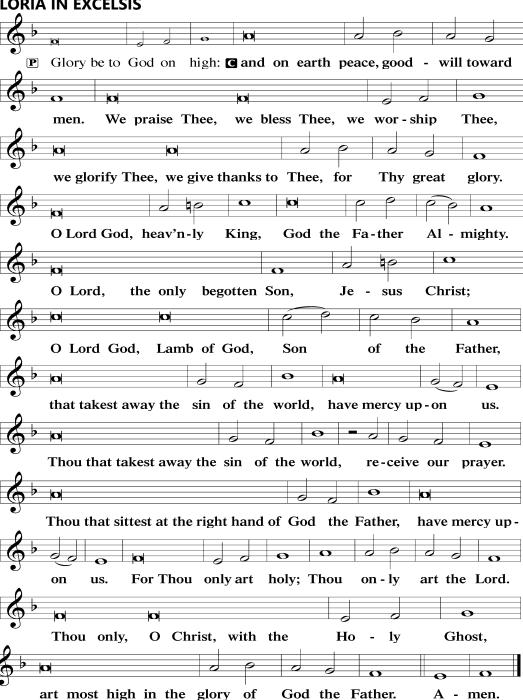
- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- P Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- **C** Full of splendor and majesty is hos work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- P He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- **C** He provides food for those who fear him; He remembers his covenant forever.
- P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- 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.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

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SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that lease to life eternal; through 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 *Jeremiah 18:1-6* (The Potter and the Clay)

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."

After the reading:

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

ANTHEM "The Potter's Hand" (Zschech, arr. Tom Fettke)
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:6–21 (Walk not as the unwise but as the wise in faith.)

After the reading:

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

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

("You have the words of eternal life.")

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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

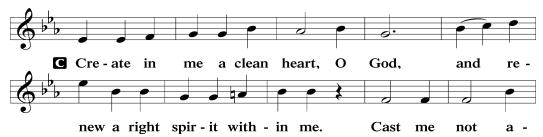
SERMON HYMN "Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old" (LSB 846)

SERMON "I'm a Mess but I'm in the Master's Hands" (Jeremiah 18:1-6)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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OFFERTORY





PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Father, we thank You that You have sent the great Good Shepherd who has compassion on His flock. In His name, we lift up our prayers for the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who hunger for the true bread of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant us always, O God, to work for the food that endures to eternal life. Bless the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe that He is the true bread of God who has come from heaven. Grant that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our church. Bless all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word, and help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Almighty God, You place men in positions of authority for the sake of order. Grant , our governor; our judges; those in wisdom to Joseph, our president; law enforcement; and all who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they might not act for selfish gain but serve according to Your will for the benefit of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bestow Your power of healing upon the sick, *[especially*] ,/ that in accordance with Your will, they may give thanks to Your name. Give Your Spirit of hope to the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones [especially 1. Strengthen their faith and assure them of Your presence in all circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy Father, Your Son assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink, and that those who feed on Him will live forever because of Him. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Him as He comes to us in this Holy Supper, that we may rejoice in His promises and depart in His peace. 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

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 12 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.

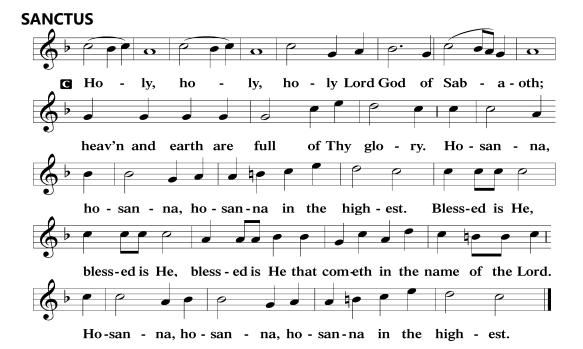
Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT → 8:30 am

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



WORDS OF OUR LORD

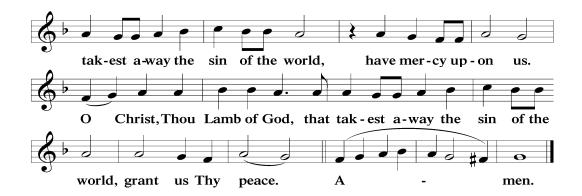
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

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- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.







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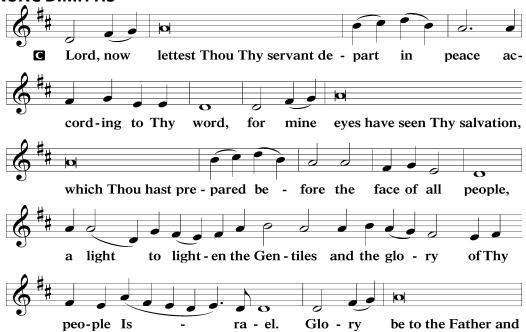
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)
"Let Me Be Thine Forever" (LSB 689)
"Sent Forth By God's Blessing (LSB 643)



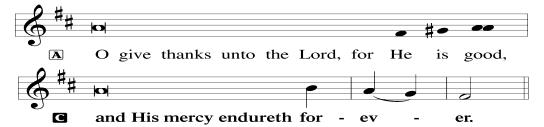
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THANKSGIVING



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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.

SALUTATION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26





CLOSING HYMN

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

(LSB 813)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER Living in a world of empty promises and fake offers, we can easily become jaded to the things of God. In our skepticism, the temptation is to treat the invitation of God the same way we meet the scams that fill our emails and text messages. But the Lord does not speak empty words nor does He give promises He will not keep. Faith rejoices in Him who is genuine and who genuinely supplies what we need. Because of this, we build our lives upon the firm ground of this hope.

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:8b–10*

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 Thirteenth 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 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. Aug. 7, Att. 33; Offering \$0.00; Sun., Aug. 11, Att. 263; General Fund \$12,384.70; Building Fund \$300.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Facility Use Donation \$200.00; Mexico Mission \$140.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Dale Kiepke \$40.00.

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.

Get Gas to Support Our Youth

DJ's Clark (507 W Sioux) is partnering with our youth group to donate a portion of their gas sales. Any gas sold on **Thursday's through Monday's** will automatically be included in the donation – no code or special approval needed. The promotion begins **Thursday**, **August 1 and runs until Monday**,



September 9. Get gas and help support our youth group – the money will be used for the National Youth Gathering in July 2025.



Thanks! Helen

The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is **TOMORROW**, **August 19**th. I need upcoming Bible studies, early Country Fair announcements, Rally Day info, still need some Board members & officers, and any other announcements for the early Fall season. Email: faith@faithluth.com

Church Council will meet August 29th at 6:00 PM. Please have a representative from each of the Boards present.



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. **Starts Sunday September 8, 2024 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.



Men's Club Our Men's Club will be getting together September 9th at 7PM (one week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday). We will be playing some Dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition! Bring a snack to share, beverage will be provided. Always a great time of fellowship!

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. We would also like to reserve a block of rooms by Aug. 31. 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.

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.

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**The programs will air on FOX due to Olympic coverage KDLT (FOX) channels 46.2 / 21.4

10:00 AM - "Look to the Mountain" - A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

10:30 AM - Rev. Kurt Laskowsky, pastor at First English and Zion Lutheran Churches in Centerville and Hurley, SD presents a message titled "A Lasting Covenant." This sermon is based on Joshua 24. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Through our vocations, both permanent and temporary, Christians are gifted opportunities to share the Gospel-motivated message that every life is valuable, and in so doing, carry the light of Christ into dark places filled with sin and death. It's true, this work won't always be easy; there may be times when we wonder about the path God has placed us on. But we can be confident that we aren't traveling alone. Christ goes with us, and His grace is sufficient. Always." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org*



Looking Ahead

Sunday School begins September 8 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 will begin 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: Aug. 18 8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow

Mon: Aug. 19 6:00 pm Prayer Care Tues: Aug. 20

8:00 am Staff Devotions 10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Board of Early Education

7:00 pm Berea Circle

Wed: Aug. 21

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF **Thurs: Aug. 22**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12-5 pm Main St. Living Taping

Sat: Aug. 24

Nipp Birthday in gym & kitchen

Sun: Aug. 25 8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Communion

