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*Sunday - September 25, 2022 - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

† † † *In the Name of Jesus* † † †

### Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we respond with love for God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329f in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest. Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are available. Please contact an usher.**

**Welcome + Announcements + Sharing the Peace**

## The Opening Hymn

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*LSB 802*

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

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## Invocation

LSB 151

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

- 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**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 well-being 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.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Dear Lord Jesus, by your Spirit's power in your Word and Sacraments, lead us to godliness with contentment and also MORE blessings than this world could ever give.

**C** Amen.

*After each petition...*

**P** Lord, in your mercy      **C** Hear our prayer

*Please be seated*

## The Scripture Readings

**The Old Testament Lesson** p.913

Amos 6:1–7

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!

<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?  
 Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster  
 and bring near the seat of violence?  
<sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
 and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
 and eat lambs from the flock  
 and calves from the midst of the stall,  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
 and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
 and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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

### The Epistle Lesson *p.1178*

1 Timothy 3:1–13

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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

*Please stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156



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 Holy Gospel p.1041**

Luke 16:19–31

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ↯ everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated*

The Hymn of the Day  
Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. **Refrain**

ref **Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**The Bible tells me so.**

2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. **Refrain**

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**Children's Message**  
**Mr. Zander**  
**Director of Education and Youth**

**The Message for the Day**  
*"Contentment" 1 Timothy 6:6-19*  
Pastor Biermann

**10:45 - Faith Legacy Bible Blessing Event**  
**For families with 2- and 8-year-olds**

*Please stand*

**The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

"Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146: 5-7

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**The Preface to Holy Communion**

LSB 160

**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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



**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.

## The Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

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

**C** Amen.

**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

### “What Is the World to Me”

LSB 730

- 1 What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul’s delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
  
- 2 The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!
  
- 3 The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I’ll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
  
- 4 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

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### “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

LSB750 sts. 1, 3–4, 7

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He’ll give thee strength, whate’er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God’s unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
  
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate’er thy Father’s pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.

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- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness  
 Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
 When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
 And from all guile has found thee free,  
 He comes to thee all unaware  
 And makes thee own His loving care.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
 Perform thy duties faithfully,  
 And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
 Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
 God never yet forsook in need  
 The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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### “How Great Thou Art”

LSB801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
 Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**

**ref** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
 He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” **Refrain**

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