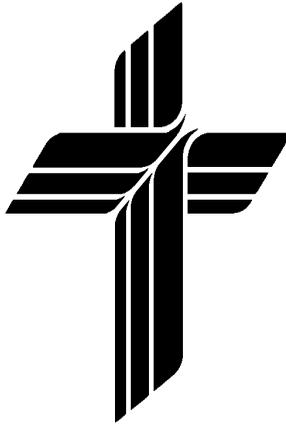


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

La Crosse, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13th, 2020



Our purpose: Faith Lutheran Church exists to share with all, God's love through Christ and His promise of salvation!

As We Gather... "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today" (Genesis 50:20). Joseph was left for dead by his brothers and sold into slavery. What good could come out of that? God used the evil act of the brothers to put Joseph in a position of power in Egypt to plan ahead for a famine to save many lives. Joseph was able to see God's greater plan and forgive His brothers. On this education Sunday, we see the importance of knowing God's plan for our lives, and this is something we learn in Sunday school. May reading and hearing God's word inspire us to forgive others!

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765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

sts. 1, 5

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The
won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy
in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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Common Versicles

LSB 219

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

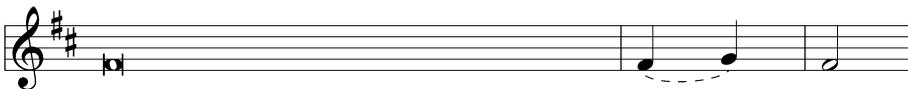
Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

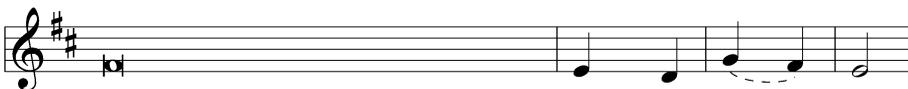
- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

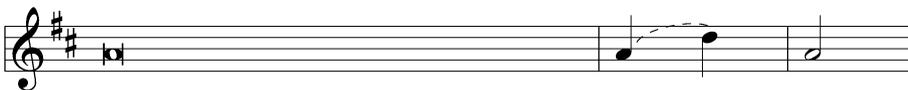
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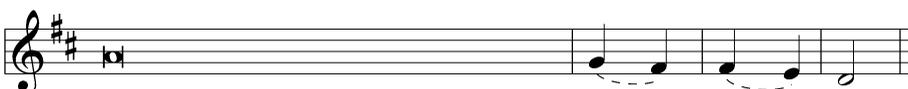
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 - 2 For the Lord is a great God
 - 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 - 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 - 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 221

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

P Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge!

C Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

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 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge!

Luther's Small Catechism

P The Second Article

P Redemption

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, ... is my Lord, ... who has redeemed me, ...that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 221

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

sts. 1, 7

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have
say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must leave,
And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to
all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.

Kyrie

LSB 227



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

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.

Collects

Introduction to Collects

LSB 227

L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Prayer of the Church

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

[Various petitions are offered, when the Pastor says, "Lord in Your mercy" The congregation replies "Hear our prayer"]

P ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

L O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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

LSB 228

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

sts. 1, 4

1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the
both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter
fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -
and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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Verse to Ponder

1 John 4:19

¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We're glad to have you join us today and hope you find your worship here to be fulfilling and joyful! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship in the pew books, sign our Guest Book in the Narthex, and be sure to speak with an usher for a Welcome packet. We hope to see you again soon!

PLEASE NOTE... Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to be able to offer a loop hearing assistance system. To access this system, simply activate the T-coil setting on your hearing aid. If you don't have a hearing aid or your hearing aid lacks a T-coil switch, we have headsets available which will provide sound amplification throughout the worship service. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Honor and Glory of God by John & April Jaeger, celebrating Karalyn's 19th Birthday.

LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO is broadcast on WKTY 580 AM Sundays at 7:30 AM. On **Sunday Sept 13th** Dr. Rev. Michael Ziegler shares his message titled "**I Stand At The Door.**" Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him." New Series "Households of Faith"

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE September 13th "When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen* ♥

www.lutheransforlife.org

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COW PIE BINGO FUNDRAISER St. Matthew's School on Friday, September 25th at 5:00 pm. Alex Jaeger will be selling tickets until Sunday, September 20th. If you are interested, please email aprilj98@hotmail.com and we will meet with you to fill out the ticket. The tickets are \$20 each, you need not be present to win, but are always welcome to come to join the fun! The monies raised will be used for funding field trips, family events, and school improvements. The winning prize is \$1,000 and the child with the most tickets sold will receive a \$50 gift card! Thank You!

~Alex and April Jaeger~

THURSDAY IN PERSON BIBLE STUDIES Men meet at 9:00, Women meet at noon!

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Friday September 25

4:30p - 7:00p

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Meal Includes:

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Title: Flagrant Forgiveness

Text: Genesis 50:15–21

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S FLAGRANT FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST JESUS MEANS THERE'S _____ TO GO AROUND.

I. Christians realize their _____ before a perfect God.

Sinners, like Joseph's brothers, fear that God is _____ at them.

II. Christians receive our Heavenly Father's flagrant _____.

_____ believes and trusts that Christ has reconciled us to the Father.

III. This flagrant forgiveness means there's _____ to go around.

_____ means not defining someone by the wrong committed.

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