

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

La Crosse, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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

***As We Gather...*** "Better late than never." Jesus is confronted by the religious elites of the temple asking by what authority He does His miracles. Jesus answers their question with a question then goes on to tell a parable. The point of the parable is that even though the one son didn't initially listen to the father, he eventually did the father's will. Many of Jesus' enemies who were otherwise godly outwardly are the ones who are unable to do their Heavenly Father's will. On the other hand, the ones who are considered sinners are the ones flocking to Jesus. As long as we're not pushing up daisies, it's never too late to turn from sin and to trust in Jesus.

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## 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

sts. 1, 4



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear  
 hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,  
 Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and  
 wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your  
 crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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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.

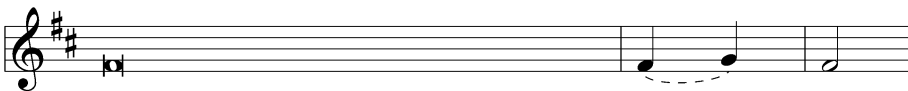
## Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

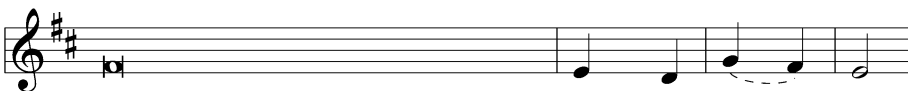
- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

# Venite

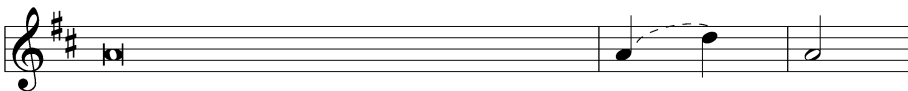
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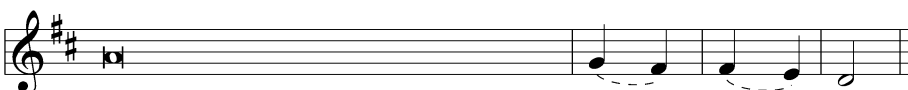
- 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
  - 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
  - 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
- 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 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.

**Proper 21A Psalm 147:1–5;**

**antiphon: v. 6**

**P** The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

**C** **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

**P** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**C** **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

**P** He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

**C** **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**

**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** The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

### **Luther's Small Catechism**

**P** The Third Article

**P** Sanctification

**C** **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.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **...In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

<sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . <sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 21:23–32*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

**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.

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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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.

## Introduction to Collects

LSB 227

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

## Prayer of the Church

**P** O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession, and...

*[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** Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same 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.

## 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

sts. 1–2

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.

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## Verse to Ponder

John 10:11

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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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 Sonja Moe.

**LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO** is broadcast on WKTY 580 AM Sundays at 7:30 AM. On **Sunday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler shares his message titled "**Victory in Defeat.**" The thing about God is, He's winning-even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **September 27<sup>th</sup>** "As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope." *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota* ♥ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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

**LIFE CHAIN** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Join us on **Sunday October 4, 2020, 2:00 – 3:00 PM**. Meet at church at 1:30 PM and we can head out as a group to stand united.

***MIDWEEK VESPERS SERVICE*** We will start a midweek evening prayer service on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30. The readings and message are different than those on Sunday, so one can attend both services and get something different out of them. It's intended to augment your home devotions as the readings will follow the assigned readings from the green sheet. We will livestream the service so that you may follow along from home. *NB: While we consistently encourage everyone to follow our county health department's guidance on physical distancing and our governor's emergency order mandating masks, we are admitting to this Wednesday night service, those who, for medical reasons, cannot wear masks (see emergency order section 3.b.). Please keep this in mind as you make choices on attending this service in person as I cannot guarantee that everyone will be wearing a mask. Please note that we still require masks to be worn at the Sunday services and all Bible studies regardless of the status of the governor's mask mandate.*

### **The LHM Mission: Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 136 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

We encourage those people who are reached through these ministry efforts to respond by contacting staff or volunteers. LHM then cultivates relationships with those who respond to ultimately facilitate a relationship between them and a Christian community, thus helping grow the kingdom of God.

It is God's mission to rescue people who have become separated from Him, restore relationships with them and renew them for holy living and service to others. His message is simple: rescue, restoration and renewal are found only in Jesus.

In a world now characterized by dizzying change, God has called the Church to join Him in His mission and challenged it to make His message of hope known in today's post-Christian culture.

At Lutheran Hour Ministries, we want to be your partner in calling back the lost and hurting—back to the Church; back to forgiveness and grace; back to God and His Word.

We have made it our mission to encourage and support you as you respond to God's call to action. While you may know us because of our flagship radio ministry, **The Lutheran Hour**, we invite you to take advantage of everything that Lutheran Hour Ministries offers for discipleship and outreach: evangelism training events and resources; opportunities for hands-on international outreach; resource media and materials for men's ministry; mission resources for children and schools; and much more.

## **Title: Authority for What?**

**Text: Matthew 21:23–32**

- The powers of evil disregarded \_\_\_\_\_ authority.
  - The powers of evil disregarded \_\_\_\_\_ authority.
    - Jesus' authority shines brightest in \_\_\_\_\_.

JESUS' AUTHORITY OVERCOMES THE POWERS OF EVIL TO FORGIVE & RESTORE THE \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus' authority is for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ his enemies.
- Jesus' authority is for \_\_\_\_\_ you.

