

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

La Crosse, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11th, 2020



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

As We Gather... The only way for us to get nutrients to live is by killing other life forms and eating them, even vegans need to harvest other plants, ending the plant's life. There's no way around it. Death has been an all too familiar aspect of our lives lately. But the Lord has a plan. On this mountain, the Lord our God has a different thing on the menu: death. He will swallow up death forever. The Holy Mountain of Isaiah looks forward to the New Heavens and the New Earth wherein there will be no more death, no more tears, and our shames and sorrows He will take away. All this was accomplished because of the first mountain, Mount Calvary, where Jesus died for us.

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594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

sts. 1, 3, 5



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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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.

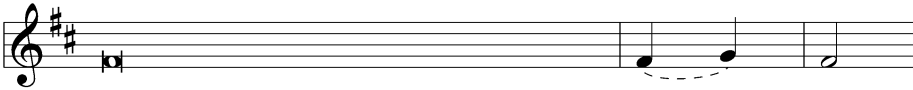
Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

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

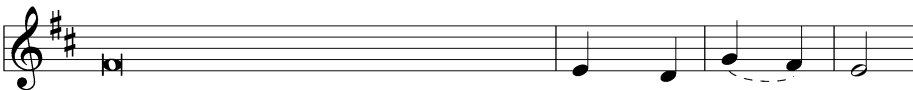
Venite

LSB 220



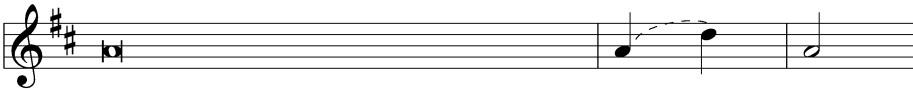
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

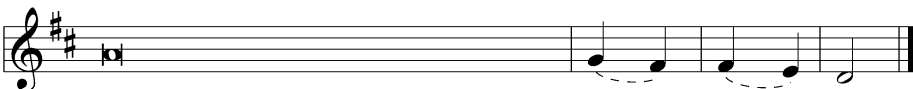


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 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.
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Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,

P for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

C as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Luther's Small Catechism

P The Introduction

P Our Father who art in heaven.

C Our Father in heaven.

P What does this mean?

C With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1–14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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.

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

sts. 1-2



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

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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 Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy

[Various petitions are offered, when the Pastor says, "Let us pray to the Lord" The congregation replies "Lord have mercy."]

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

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 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.

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1–2



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.

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Verse to Ponder

1 Corinthians 15:3

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

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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 Todd & Deb Mahr in celebration of Jeneane's birthday.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE **October 11th** "Laws of the State clearly matter, and the message they send affects the mindset of society. But, if our battle cry for life begins on the abortion table, then we've waited too long to speak. If our efforts to model life end in the courtroom, then we've already lost our children. God help us; it's time to ask ourselves if we speak life or whisper death." ♥ www.lutheransforlife.org

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

MIDWEEK VESPERS We are holding evening prayer services on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm. The readings and message are different than 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 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 not 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.*

LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO is broadcast on WKTY 580 AM Sundays at 7:30 AM. On **Sunday Oct 18th** Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler shares his message titled **"What I'm Looking For."** "We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. We're always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I'm looking for."

VOTER'S MEETING OCTOBER 18TH We will be holding our Voter's Meeting on October 18th at 9:15 AM. To maintain social distancing, we will be meeting in the sanctuary. This will be a hybrid platform with people present at church, online accessibility via Zoom, or simply dialing in from your telephone. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed shortly before the meeting. To participate via telephone, dial **1-312-626-6799**. When prompted for a meeting ID, enter **634 484 0308**, and the passcode is **1517**. We will be electing officers and Elders at this meeting. An agenda and slate of candidates is posted in the Narthex, was emailed to everyone with the newsletter, and a printed copy was included in the USPS mailed newsletters. Reports will be emailed a few days before the meeting. We do wish to keep the meeting as simple as possible to accommodate all platforms participating, so please review all reports prior to the meeting and have any questions ready. If you wish to have a hard copy of the reports sent to you home prior to the meeting, please call the church or email office@faithonmain.com.

*The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to work with the greater La Crosse community to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until April 30. The Warming Center is part of our downtown office located at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse. Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. Hours for the center are from 7:00 pm until 8:00 am, Monday through Sunday, including holidays. ****Due to COVID-19 safe distance recommendations**, we must change our service number to provide safe service. The La Crosse Warming Center will open its doors on November 1st, 2020, but we will only be able to offer nightly service for up to 15 adult men or women.** We are reassessing our space to see if we can squeeze a couple more in, but with safe distance and COVID recommendations by the county, we are unsure if that will be possible. The center will continue to offer a warm place to sleep, shower, do laundry, and get something to eat. If you are interested in volunteering or donating goods to The La Crosse Warming Center, visit <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-warming-center/>*

Text: Isaiah 25:6–9
Title: Those Who Wait

GOOD THINGS COME FOR THOSE WHO _____ IN THE LORD.

I. The “now” is filled with _____ and deprivation.

To put it another way, the love of _____ food is Biblical!

II. The Lord promises refreshment & _____ then.

Then, the Lord is preparing a feast, but not only is gourmet food on the menu, _____ itself is the main course.

III. We wait for the Lord to deliver His _____.

The Christian response of _____ is to trust in God and His promises.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”