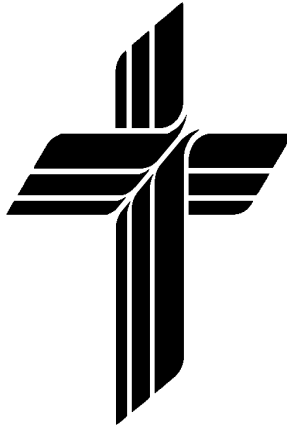


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

La Crosse, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 9<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...*** Matthew 14:30 "But when [Peter] saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."" "Jesus, save me, I'm sinking!" How often do we feel that way? Lost jobs, relationships in turmoil, and an uncertain future can all give us that sinking feeling. Just like Peter who was sinking in the water, Jesus reaches out his hand and grabs us in the midst our troubles, and He carries us to safety. The Lord has promised to never leave us or forsake us, and He will keep true to that promise every day of our lives.

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## 726 Evening and Morning

sts. 1, 4



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and  
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the  
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in  
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,  
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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 of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** 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.

## Absolution

LSB 185

- 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**C** I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.  
**P** Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
**C** This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.  
**P** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
**C** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
**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 bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

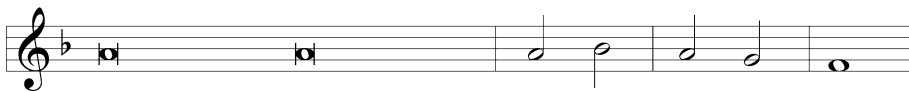
LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



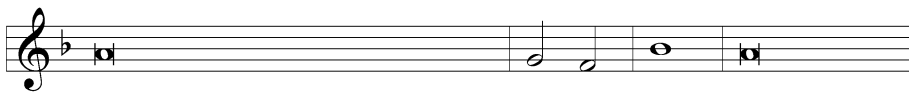
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



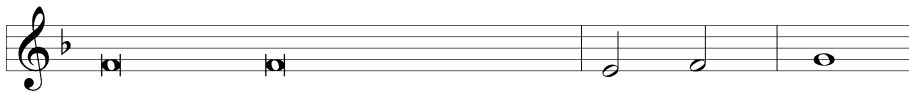
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Job 38:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ <sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 10:5–17*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will

descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

### Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

## Luther's Small Catechism

**P** The First Article

**P** Creation

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

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## 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.

## 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

sts. 1, 4

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in  
rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -  
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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## Sermon

## Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment.

*[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 forever

**C** Amen.

## 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.

## Collect for the Word

**A** Let us pray. 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\dagger$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

sts. 1, 3



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
3 Lord, when the shad-ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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## Verse to Ponder

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

<sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

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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.*

**THANK YOU TO PASTOR DON STEIN** for filling in for us today.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Honor and Glory of God by Kim & Gayle Eggerstedt celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



**LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO** is broadcast on WKTY 580 AM Sundays at 7:30 AM. The message on **Sunday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** is "**A Wrong Comparison.**" It's "Archives August" this classic radio message is by Guest Speaker Dr. Wallace Schulz.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE August 9<sup>th</sup>** "[W]hen a child is adopted into a family, there is a real family formed there. Our entire Gospel is at stake in that recognition because there is no such thing as an 'adopted child,' only children who were adopted. Adopted in the New Testament is a past-tense verb, not an adjective." *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of "Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families" and chair of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.* – A Life Quote from *Lutherans For Life* ♥ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

# Life Thoughts From



Lutherans  
For Life

- “I can’t afford this baby.” None of us can. Only He Who sends the mouths sends their meat. And He has shown both ability and willingness to conjure it out of thin air when necessary (Matthew 14:20). If He doesn’t use our profound poverties as excuse for executions, how can we allow it for anyone else? Christians have better ideas than abortion. Fund food pantries. Staff pregnancy help centers. We take it seriously when Jesus says, “You give them something to eat” (Matthew 14:16).
- The Lord of Life intimately and meticulously attends to His creation (Job 38:4-18). He even gently but relentlessly looks after the inanimate objects. But did His devotion to mountains and oceans drive Him to order our world from within and not just from outside (Matthew 14:32)? No. He has put on the universe He put together so that He may love and save and have humankind. And He has not spared the smallest detail. So why would we exclude any, whatever their size, skills, or circumstances?
- Jesus didn’t really see the Canaanite woman as less than human (Matthew 15:21-28). He compared her to a dog but also called all the Israelites sheep. Many Jews did treat Gentiles like animals, though. No doubt they took close note when He included her and her little girl among the children of God. It’s like someone today saying fetuses count as human beings or elderly lives matter as much as the rest of us.
- Christians do not hide behind personal choice. We rejoice in community rather than autonomy (Romans 12:4-5). Our Heavenly Father has given us the privilege of receiving the unborn and the aged as neighbors. Our Lord and Savior gives us the responsibility of serving as brothers and sisters to those experiencing surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses. Instead of “my body, my choice,” we get to delight in “my body, my gift!” (Romans 12:1).