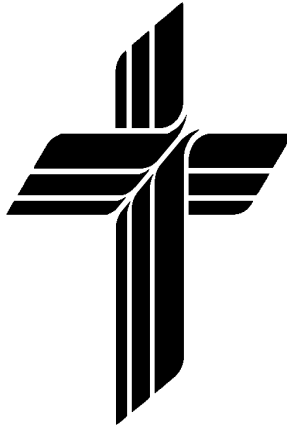


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

La Crosse, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 30<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...*** The Theology of the Cross teaches us that the God we worship reveals Himself in the midst of pain, suffering, and persecution. We need look no further than Jesus' predictions of His suffering and death to see examples of such. This theology of the cross contrasts with the theology of glory which is a lie. It promises that God will be found in things that are glorious, new, and shiny. When we face persecution and hard times for our faith, just like Jeremiah did, we can take comfort knowing that unlike the theology of glory, the Lord wishes to show Himself to us even in the midst of difficulties and struggles. Even though we may struggle in this life, the Lord promises to rescue us from them.

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## 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for-



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

- P** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
**C** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.  
**P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.  
**C** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!  
**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** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## 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

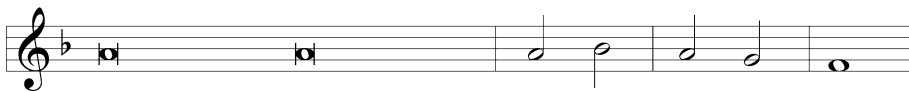
LSB 187



**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;



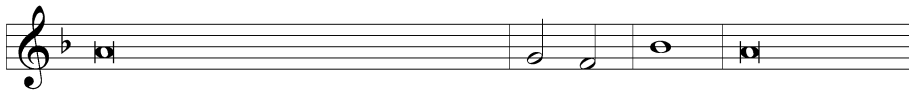
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



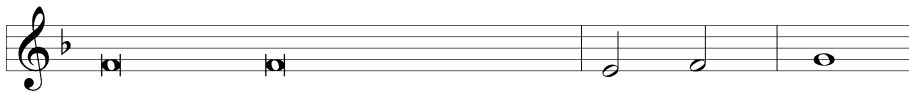
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



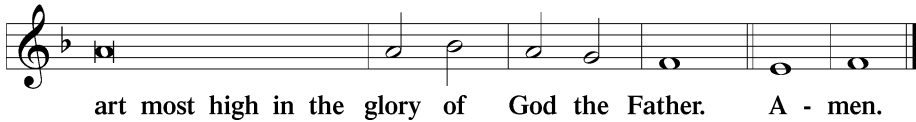
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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 God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

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

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 12:9–21*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who

persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**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 Reading

Matthew 16:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, ...**

## Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

sts. 1, 4



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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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.



## Prayer of the Church

**P** Knowing the will of God that all would come to the knowledge of Your Son and find salvation in Christ,

*[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, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

**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.

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

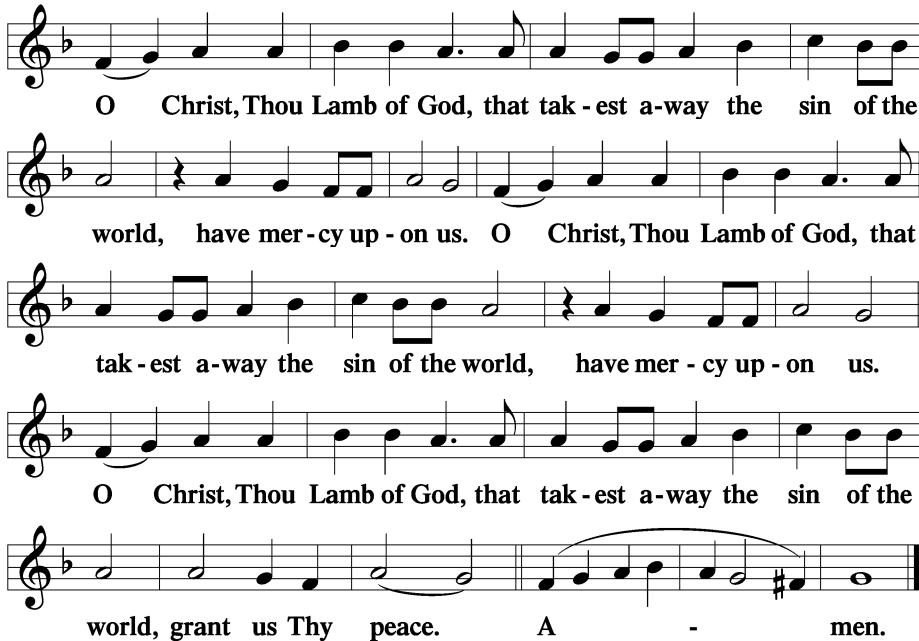
LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

LSB 201

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 724 If God Himself Be for Me

sts. 1–2



1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,  
With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?  
The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.

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## Verse to Ponder

Romans 8:31

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against 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 Roger & Karla Fisher, celebrating their wedding anniversary.

**LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO** is broadcast on WKTY 580 AM Sundays at 7:30 AM. On **Sunday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** Dr. Rev. Michael Ziegler shares his message titled "**Jesus In The House.**" Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors—three signs of a spiritually vibrant household.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE August 23<sup>th</sup>** "We run to help people in need; we run to deal with emergencies and crises and the problems of every day; we take the Good News to people we love, family and friends and neighbors alike. But there are also times we can sit—and rejoice that Jesus is risen, that evil is conquered, and that God's victory is certain." *Dr. Kari Vo* ♥ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES** Join us **\*\*\* IN PERSON \*\*\*** beginning Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> Men's Study will start at 9:00 am, Women's Study will begin at 12:00 Noon. We will be outside if weather permits.

**WOMEN OF FAITH** will hold a business meeting at 11:00 AM on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**"SIMPLE EXPLANATION" Booklets Have Arrived** Published by CPH, these short booklets cover difficult topics that you might have a hard time explaining to a guest or a family member. The newest arrivals include A Simple Explanation of... "Lutheranism," "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper," "the Church Year," and "Church & State." Feel free to pick some of these up at the table in the narthex.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX TODAY** You will find a birth announcement and the latest edition of our Newsletter, "Shield of Faith."

### **Communion at Faith**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that in Communion we receive not only the bread and wine, but Christ's very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites all those who trust His words, repent of sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed (confirmed), in doubt, or who holds a confession differing from this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor.

For those who prefer not to drink wine, there is one cup of white grape juice (which contains one drop of wine) in the inner ring of the cup tray. Please register your communion on the Record of Fellowship booklets at the end of the pews. Thank you!

**Sermon Text: Jeremiah 15:15–21**  
**Sermon Title: Cross-Eyed**

It's possible to look at all the same facts and come up with a completely wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

BELIEVERS VIEW OUR SUFFERINGS WITH OUR EYES ON THE \_\_\_\_\_.

I. Our fallen \_\_\_\_\_ wants to view suffering cross-eyed

Being cross eyed, we learn three things:

1. You get a good view of your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ much of anything else.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Eyeing the \_\_\_\_\_ tells us of the God who suffered for us and with us.

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ is the heart of how we know God and what He does for us.

