

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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Congregational Theme Verse:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Faith Lutheran Mission Statement:

“Faith Lutheran is a community of believers living out their faith in daily life.”

Supporting Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Faith Lutheran Church is a community of believers striving to: invite and welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ; nurture and equip people with a living faith in response to God’s love; send disciples into our prairie communities and beyond in Christ’s service.



Sunday Service

9:00am

Ministers: All The People Of Faith

Pastor: Dell B. Sanderson 585-6273

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song **Let Us Go Now to the Banquet #523**

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family.

Refrain

2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food.

Refrain

3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

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Greeting and Kyrie page 184

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all; for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned
response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family; for life and for love,
for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Hymn of Praise Page 187

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and
strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of vict'ry for
our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Sing with
all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor,
glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of
vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day.

**Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the
inspiration of your Spirit to do those things that are right, and by
your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We hear the Word of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7 (NRSV)

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My
beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and
hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild
grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between
me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have
not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled
down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be
overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they
rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of
Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Gospel Acclamation - "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)

[Jesus said to the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Message

Hymn How Firm a Foundation #796

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

3 "When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Prayer of the People

Following "*Lord in your mercy,*" Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

Offering

Offertory **We Are an Offering #692**

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,

Lord use our lives, They are yours

We are an offering

All that we have, All that we are, All that we hope to be,

We give to You, We give to You.

We lift our voices, We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering

We are an offering

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Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Closing Hymn **Jesus Loves Me! #595**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*
Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Offering – Please put in the pots

Holy Communion – Receive a wafer/wine unit when entering. You will stay in your seat and receive the sacrament when Pastor Dell gives you direction.

*Confirmation/Element Program will use the same guidelines for classes as the school.