

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020*

EVERYTHING IS GRACE

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.

9:00am

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **“The Right Hand of God” #889**

Verses 1 – 4 *No Copyright*

CONFESSION OF SIN:

(L) We gather in the name of God, our Creator, Savior, and Counselor.

(C) **Amen.**

(silence to reflect on our lives)

(L) We confess that we have misused this earth.

(C) **Forgive us Lord.**

(L) We confess that we are driven to get more of this world’s goods than we need and are tempted to seek security in our possessions.

(C) **Forgive us Lord.**

(L) We confess that we are often insensitive to the needs of those around us and unwilling to share your blessings freely with others.

(C) **Forgive us Lord.**

(L) We confess that we follow our own dreams instead of the Christ, that we trust our own will rather than yours, that we live as though the world revolves around us.

(C) **Forgive us Lord.**

(L) Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Chosen One.

(C) **Reclaim us in Christ's love, breathe into us your Holy Spirit that we may be strengthened to live as your sons and your daughters.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) There is good news for us. Jesus was crucified for our forgiveness and raised from death so that we can live a new life. We are God’s new creation in Christ.

(C) **Glory be to God!**

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(P) The Lord be with you.

(C) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

LESSONS OF THE DAY

Isaiah 45:1-7 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Gospel Acclamation "Ancient Words"

CHORUS:

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They

answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

(L) The Gospel of the Lord:

(C) **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Message

HYMN **"Take My Life, That I May Be" #685**

1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

OFFERING

INTERCESSIONS: "The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG **“You Servants of God” #825**

1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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Offering – Please put in the offering plates in the narthex

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

Support our Missionaries

The Outreach Committee has an annual financial commitment to support our missionaries in Tanzania, Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson. Because we have been unable to hold our fundraisers for this purpose, we are seeking monetary donations from the congregation.

Please bring your donation to the church office.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Prayers

Sympathy to the **Philiph sisters** on the death of their cousin,
Nancy Naglich

Sympathy to **Todd & Chelsea Hodenfield** on the death of Todd's
grandpa, Erling Hodenfield

Prayers for **Tony Roiland** – he will be having out-patient surgery
on Monday, October 19

*We hope to have **Sunday School** starting **October 25**. All
students will be in the fellowship hall spread out at tables.
Masking and physical distancing guidelines apply to all
gatherings at Faith Lutheran.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

*We want to say **Thank You to Pastor Dell** for
all he does at Faith and in the Morris area
community – **We Appreciate You!!***