

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

September 15, 2024 at 9:30 AM

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

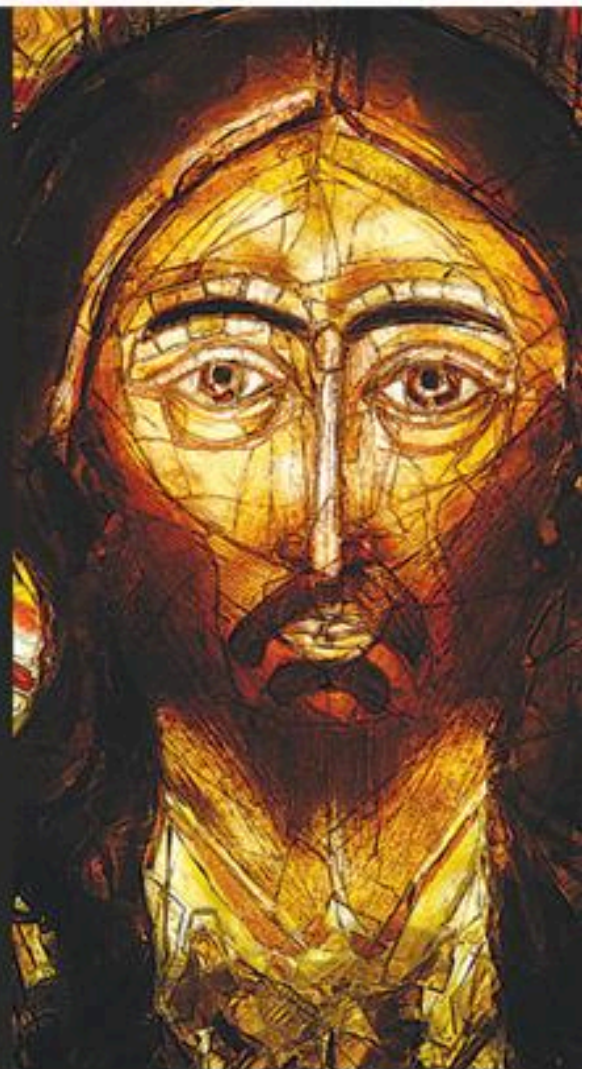
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(www.faithlutheranreno.org) or find us on youtube:

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WHO DO
YOU SAY
THAT I AM?

MARK 8:29



Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Our worship this month turns to **Setting Four** of the ELW Hymnal, beginning on pg 147.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.



*Flowers today are given by Stan Pesis and Elizabeth King
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

Serving Today: Greeter, Debbie H / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Linda Z / Asst Minister, Cindy T / Cantor, Wes G / Ushers, Zak W & Tom L / Altar Guild, Sharon S & Trish D / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Sigrun C & Davyann S / Coffee hour, Jim & Cindy T

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

piano improvisation on ELW #660 - Lift High the Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our brokenness and need and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Oh, Worship the King**

ELW #842

GREETING

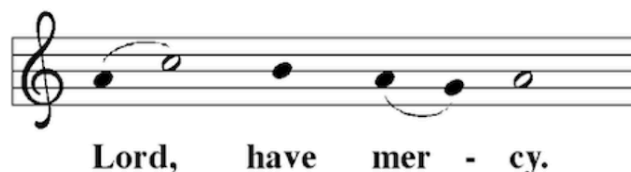
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

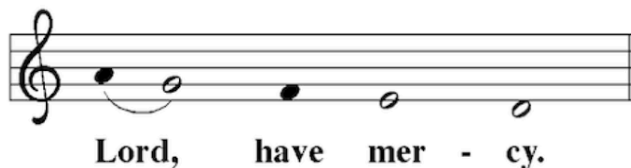
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



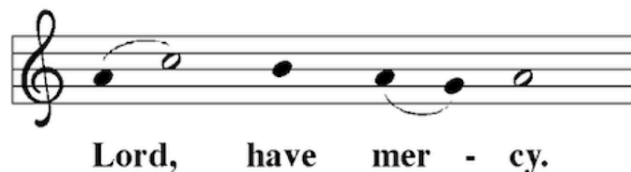
For the peace from above, and for
our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer
here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain on next page

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-9

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,	and listened to my supplication,
for the LORD has given ear to me	whenev- er I called.
The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;	I came to grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the LORD:	"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
Gracious is the LORD and righteous;	our God is full of compassion.
The LORD watches o- ver the innocent;	I was brought low, and God saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul	for the LORD has dealt well with you.

For you have rescued my | life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

I will walk in the presence | of the LORD

in the land | of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(cantor solo first, then all)*



HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But

who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Life, and then Death that's Life

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

ELW #334

APOSTLE'S CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONGod of belonging, **hear our prayer.****PEACE**The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.****- MEAL -****OFFERING INVOCATION****ELW #879*, vs 1***For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,**for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.***MUSICAL OFFERING***piano improvisation on ELW #798 - Will You Come and Follow Me***PRESENTATION HYMN****ELW #879*, vs 5***For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n**for thy-self, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:**Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.***OFFERING PRAYER****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

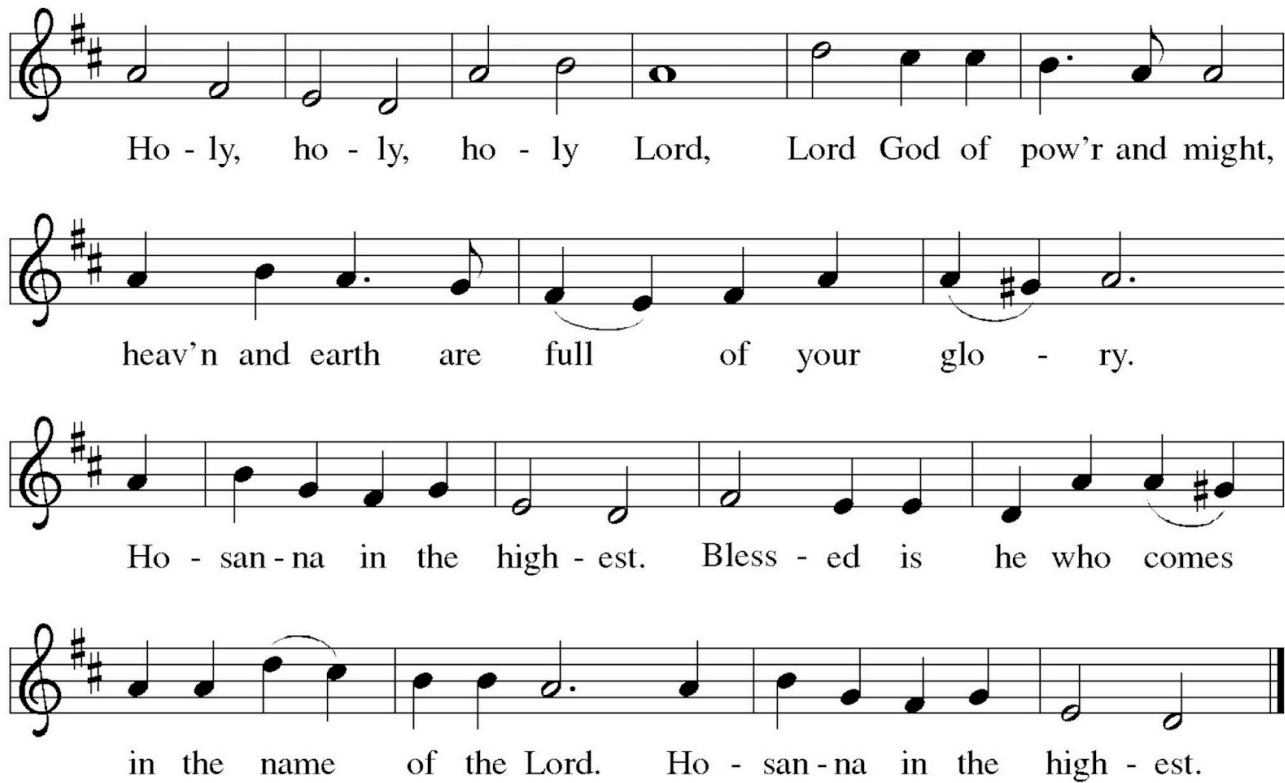
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION AND HYMNS

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. **AGNUS DEI (pg. 154)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, vs 3

ELW #338

*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
 I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
 content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
 my sinful self, my only shame, my glory all, the cross.*

Jesus Messiah

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**-SENDING-****BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us,
feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*****ELW #843***Sung to the tune of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***DISMISSAL****A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.**** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation***- Activities at Faith -**

- **Sunday Adult Forum** - Today @ 11am. We continue books 1 and 2 of C.S. Lewis' classic work *Mere Christianity*. Find yourself a copy and join us.
- **Kids' Place** - Today @ 10:50am - 11:50am. See the classroom makeover!
- **Children's Ministry Dinner** - Wed, Sep 18th @ 6pm
- **Choir Practice** - Thu, Sep 26th @ 5:45 - 7:15pm
- **SAVE THE DATE!** - OKTOBERFEST! **10/26/24 @ 2pm, more info soon!**
- **Saturday Faith Formation Classes** - on hiatus until November. Join us then!
- Pr Shaun invites you to be praying for all the **students/teachers/workers headed back to school.**

If you can support the ELCA's campus ministry to UNR or TMCC,
see Pr Shaun or support and give and connect at
lovingkindnesscollective.org



LOVINGKINDNESS
COLLECTIVE

-Shared Harvest in September-

September donations are complete, thank you to all who donated!
Packing is Sunday, Sept 22, 1pm @ Our Savior, Sparks.

From the Cloud of Witnesses, about our Gospel today:

Old Testament ethics bid us to care for “the widow, the orphan, the stranger.” Romans 12 tells us to extend hospitality to everyone — even enemies: *“If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink.”* These challenging words demand response.

How would you feel if our prayer petitions each Sunday concluded, *“Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, all we have forgotten, and those we consider our enemies, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen”*?

If you have ever questioned the need to love enemies and outdo others in zeal in serving the Lord, you understand the disciples, who in raw panic are called by Jesus to *“take up your cross and follow.”*

Surely the disciples are grateful for their time with Jesus and willing to continue the work of radical hospitality. And, surely they are grateful that Peter takes Jesus aside to openly name this new journey toward death as baffling and avoidable.

In response, Jesus makes this much clear: Peter moves from being named Rock to being considered a pebble wedged fitfully in a sandal.

We are all set off balance by Jesus who calls to us lose our lives to live in God alone. Thanks be to God we stand on this side of the resurrection where everything has been accomplished for us. In baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ. The cross, remembered every time we worship our triune God, emblazed upon us each Ash Wednesday and celebrated one final time as we complete our baptism in our death, reminds us daily of God’s love for us. *This cross we carry on our bodies ultimately carries us.*

It is out of God’s love on the cross that we know merciful love. It is out of the death and resurrection of Christ we receive true love and true life. It is the cross that carries us each day.

Contemplate, and maybe share with someone this week:

- When did you experience the love of God through others who loved *“with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor”*? When were you the recipient of such mercy? When did you display such grace?
- How do you offer mutual affection to your family, your extended family, your church family, or your neighbors? When did you respond to hurt with grace and forgiveness? How did your response alter the relationship?
- How has the cross of Christ carried you?
- What prayer-filled action could you do this week to display the love of God that carries you daily?

FLC recent Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2024 is: \$15,530.00, Total giving for July 2024 is: \$23,461.69*

**General Funds - \$11,651.00 *Dedicated Funds - \$11,810.69*

	Sep 2024				
Task	1	8	15	22	29
Greeter	Becky S	Linda Z	Debbie H	Kathy W	Becky S
Acolyte	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	Storeys	Pesis'	O'Reillys
Reader	Bob T	Pam S	Linda Z	Dorothy B	Judi H
Asst. Minister	Sharon S	Judi H	Cindy T	Todd M	
Cantor	Sharon S	Rich S	Wes G	Todd M	Matthew R
Usher	Lukas B & Dorothy B	Debbie H & Matthew R	Zack W & Tom L	Matthew R & Annette W	Tom L & Lukas B
Altar Guild	Kathy W & Eileen W	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!				
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo				
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist				
Counters	Sigrun C & Linda Z	Davyann S Linda Z & Mary W	Sigrun C & Davyann S	Sigrun C & Mary W	Theresa W & Linda Z
Coffee after Worship	Pat P & Cheryl V	Erica W	Jim & Cindy T	Eileen W	Kathy W

Thank you for your hearts of service!

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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