

**Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion**

**September 22, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

## *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link

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<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>



Whoever  
welcomes  
one such child  
in my name  
welcomes me

MARK 9:37

**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.

**In our worship on the 18th Sunday after Pentecost:** The writers of today's readings express to God their fears about death and those who do evil. They rage against the cravings, coveting, envy, and selfish ambition that lead to disorder and war, within and around us. They describe one caught in this reality who is led to slaughter, tested with insult and torture, and faces a shameful death. Through our lenses we see Jesus. In fact, Jesus keeps describing what is going to happen to him, but his followers can't understand. They don't want to understand. Instead, they argue about who is greatest. Putting a quick end to that line of argument, Jesus brings a child into their circle.



Embracing the child, Jesus invites disciples into humble service—this is how we draw near to God, and God to us. Today let's remember who is poor/vulnerable/overlooked, as this was the meaning of the "little child" in Jesus' context. What about our day?



*Flowers today are given by Jean Carter  
in honor of her granddaughter's birthday.*

**Serving Today:** Greeter, Kathy W / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Pam S / Asst Minister, Todd M / Cantor, Todd M / Ushers, Matthew R & Annette W / Altar Guild, Betty T & Annette W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Sigrun C & Mary W / Coffee after Worship, Eileen Way

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**-GATHERING-****PRELUDE***"Whoever Would Be Great Among You"*

Arr. Ronald A. Nelson

**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***All Are Welcome\****ELW #641****GREETING**

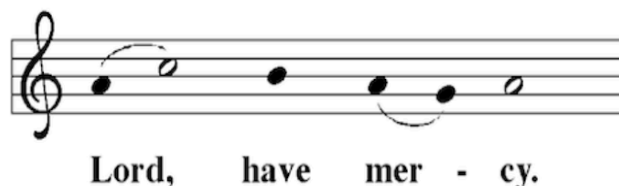
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

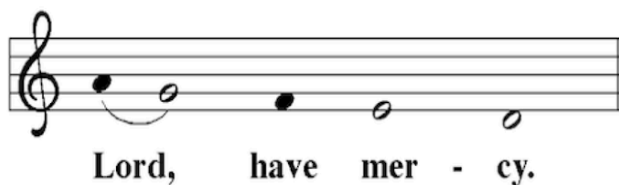
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



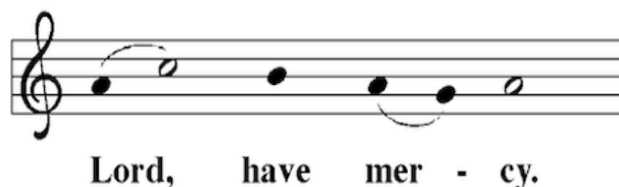
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

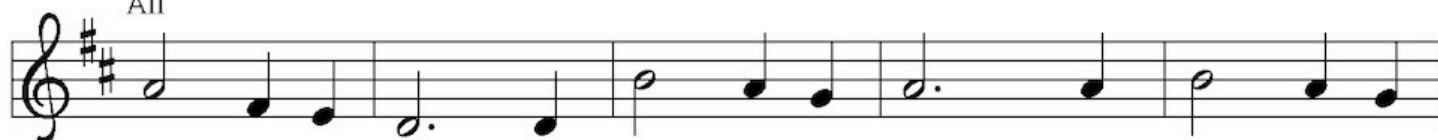


*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

*All*

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.

*Refrain*

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.

*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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

#### PSALM 54

Save me, O God,   by your name;	<b>in your might, de-   fend my cause.</b>
Hear my   prayer, O God;	<b>give ear to the words   of my mouth.</b>
For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have   sought my life,	<b>those who have no re-   gard for God.</b>
Behold, God   is my helper;	<b>it is the Lord who sus-   tains my life.</b>
Render evil to those who   spy on me;	<b>in your faithful-   ness, destroy them.</b>
I will offer you a   freewill sacrifice	<b>and praise your name, O LORD, for   it is good.</b>
For you have rescued me from   every trouble,	<b>and my eye looks down   on my enemies.</b>

**SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *(cantor solo first, then all)***HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

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CAROLINE FINKELSTEIN

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SEEING THE LIGHT

Light falls on the cup and the plate,  
 fluted spoons, the blue in the milk,  
 salt, the half-eaten egg, the table,  
 someone half-dreaming. Light falls on the clock.

Light falls on our uncles the fish,  
 on disguise, on sleight-of-hand,  
 on doctors with shaky investments.  
 It falls on the mess of the willow,  
 mistakes in the garden: too many roses,  
 on children allergic to bees, their fathers  
 in terror through summer, on a body  
 all out of breath.

Light plays on the righteous,  
 on waste, on the harvest of insistent arrangers,  
 on obsession, on justification: that dance  
 designed in the mind,  
 in the water  
 light copies the reeds bending and weaving,

and it falls on the roofs of houses,  
 little houses resting on ground  
 that was, just moments ago, submerged by the sea.  
 Light travels that fast.  
 It falls on me. Just moments ago  
 I had no vision at all.



**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 INTERCESSION**

God of belonging, **hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**- MEAL -**

**OFFERING INVOCATION**

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.  
**Reveal through us your life-giving work.**

*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.*

**ELW #879\*, vs 1**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"O Worship the King"*

Arr. Philip Keveren

**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.

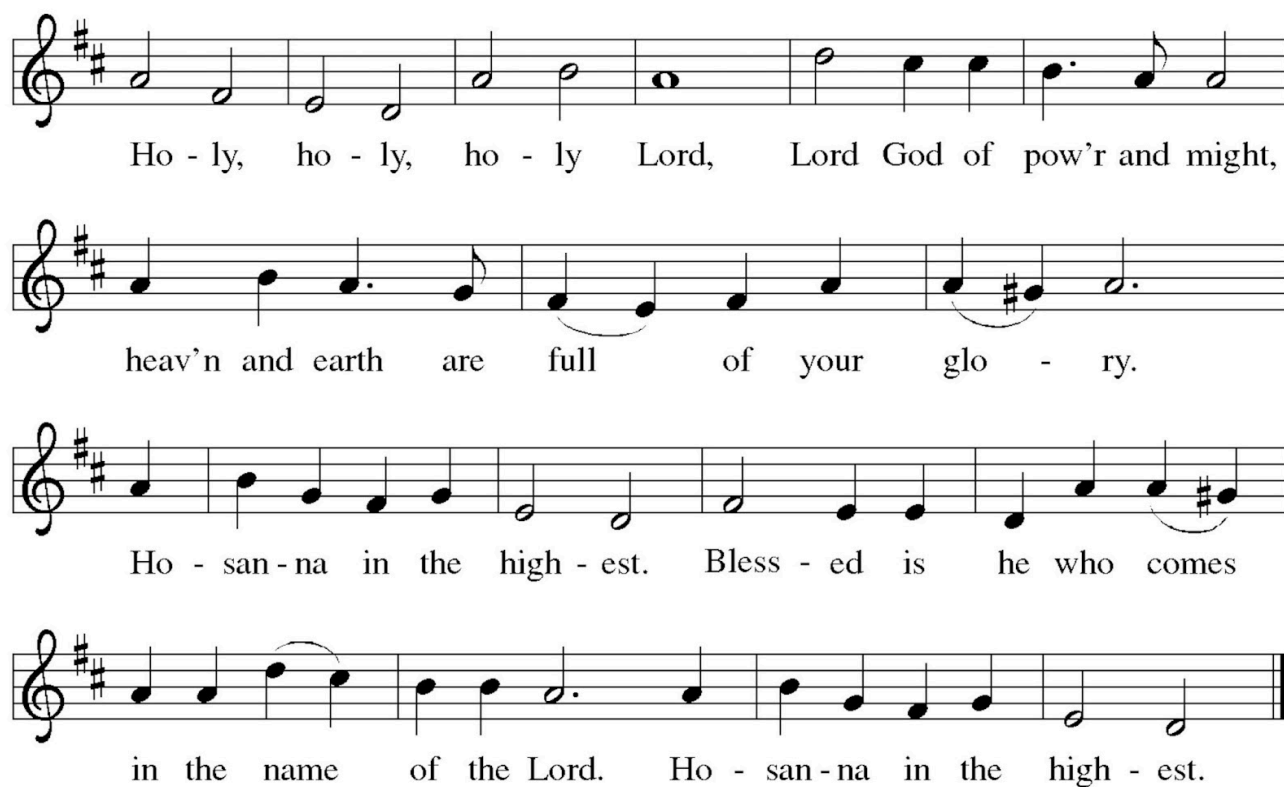
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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...

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

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

### ***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

**ELW #752**

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
 Lord, listen to your children praying,  
 send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am****ELW #814**

*Take, oh, take me as I am;  
 summon out what I shall be;  
 set your seal upon my heart  
 and live in me.*

**Ubi caritas et amor***(Where True Charity and Love Abide)* **ELW #642**

*Ubi caritas et amor,  
 ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

*(Where true charity and love abide,  
 God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.)*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**- 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*****The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve\******ELW #551****DISMISSAL****A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.**

*\* denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

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**- Activities at Faith -**

- **Sunday Adult Forum for September** - @ 11am. Today, we continue books 3 and 4 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!
- **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](http://lovingkindnesscollective.org)



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

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**FLC recent Giving and Tithes:**

Monthly church budget for 2024 is: \$15,530.00, Total giving for August 2024 is: \$22,083.36\*

*\*General Funds - \$12,108.66 \*Dedicated Funds - \$9,974.7069*

**Shared Harvest in September: Donations complete!**

Packing is today, 1pm @ Our Savior, Sparks.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE**

	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	Pam S	Judi H
Asst. Minister	Sharon S	Judi H	Cindy T	Todd M	Sharon S
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!***