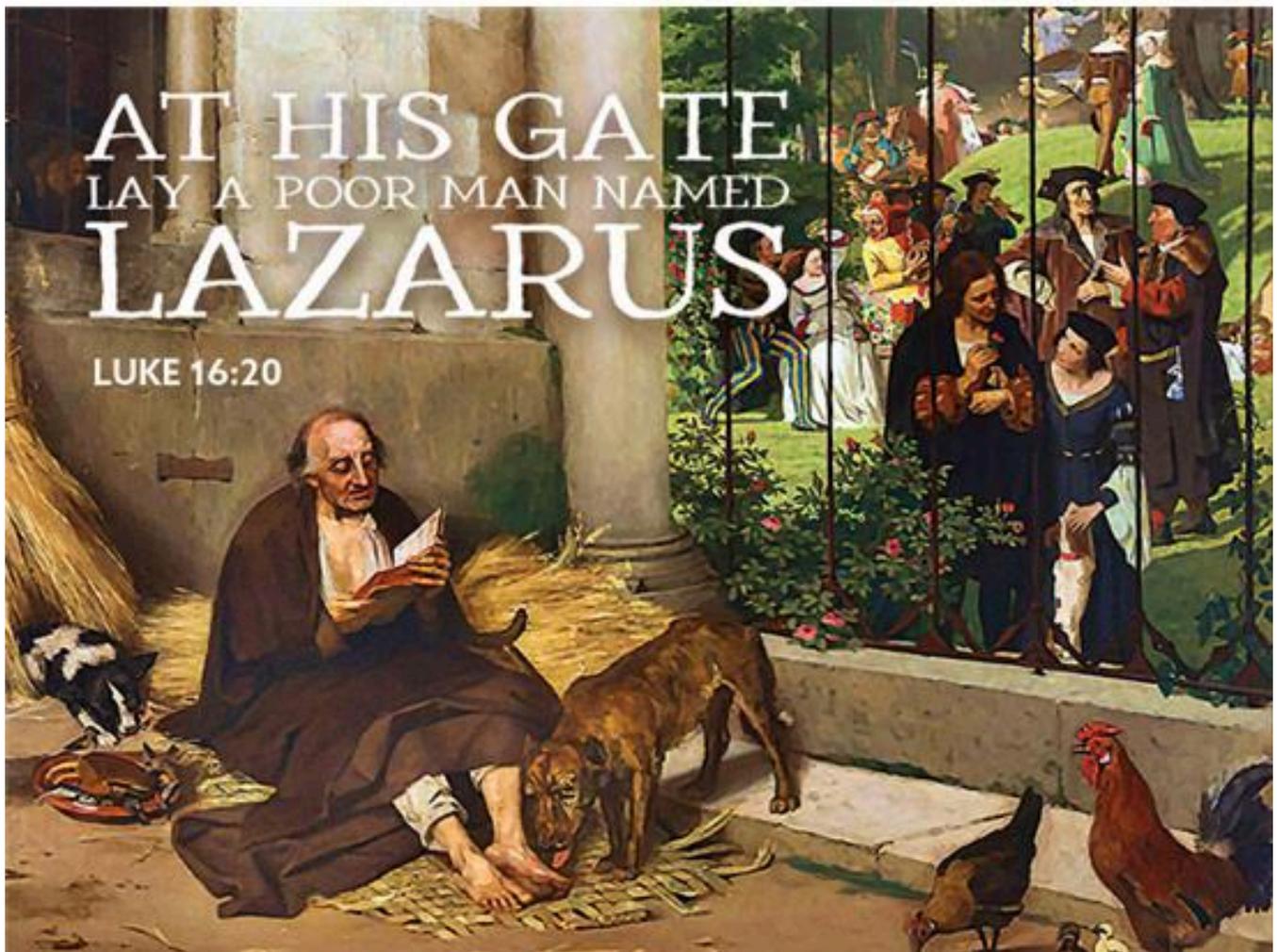


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion  
September 28, 2025 at 9:30 AM

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*



**Welcome!** We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Most of the liturgy is printed within or in the ELW Hymnal, Setting 8; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin.

**Children's Bulletins** with activities are found in the narthex (entrance). 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.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're most welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

**In Worship on the 16th Sunday after Pentecost:** Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

***Serving Today:*** ***Greeter:*** Debbie H. ***Acolyte:*** Welmerinks ***Reader:*** Linda Z.

***Asst Minister:*** Matthew R. ***Cantor:*** Wes G. ***Usher:*** Tom L.

***Altar Guild:*** Annette W & Betty T ***Tech Support:*** Eric W. ***Counters:*** Linda Z. & Sigrun C.

***Musicians:*** Heinz D. & Olivia K. ***Musical Director/Vocalist:*** Juliana Carmona

***Coffee Host:*** Theresa W. ***Pastor:*** Shaun O'Reilly

## -GATHERING-

### PRELUDE

*Blackbird - the Beatles, arr. Patin*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*moment of centering*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*please rise in body and/or Spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
 Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.  
 In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**God of Grace, God of Glory\***

**ELW #705**

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory,<br/>         on your people pour your pow'r;<br/>         crown your ancient church's story;<br/>         bring its bud to glorious flow'r.<br/>         Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br/>         for the facing of this hour,<br/>         for the facing of this hour.</p>             | <p>3 Cure your children's warring madness;<br/>         bend our pride to your control;<br/>         shame our wanton, selfish gladness,<br/>         rich in things and poor in soul.<br/>         Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>         lest we miss your kingdom's goal,<br/>         lest we miss your kingdom's goal.</p> |
| <p>2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us<br/>         scorn the Christ, assail his ways!<br/>         From the fears that long have<br/>         bound us free our hearts to faith<br/>         and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant<br/>         us courage for the living of these<br/>         days, for the living of these days,</p> | <p>4 Save us from weak resignation<br/>         to the evils we deplore;<br/>         let the gift of your salvation<br/>         be our glory evermore.<br/>         Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>         serving you whom we adore, serving<br/>         you whom we adore.</p>   |

**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.**

## KYRIE



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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-WORD-

### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

### PSALMODY: Psalm 146

Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!  
**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.  
**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
 whose hope is in the | LORD their God;  
**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
 The LORD sets the | captive free.  
**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed  
 down; the LORD | loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.  
**The LORD shall | reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*please rise in body and/or spirit*

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

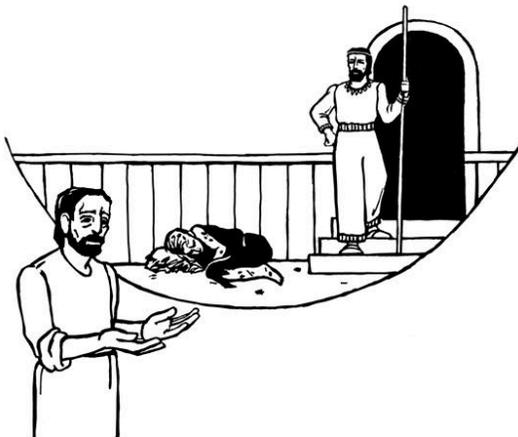
**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

Jesus said: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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



## HYMN OF THE DAY

*When the Poor Ones*

ELW #725

- 1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

***Refrain***

**We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.**

- 2 When compassion gives the suffering consolation;  
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: ***Refrain***
- 3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;  
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: ***Refrain***
- 4 When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;  
when the nations work to change war into peace;  
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: ***Refrain***

## RESPONSE OF FAITH

**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.**

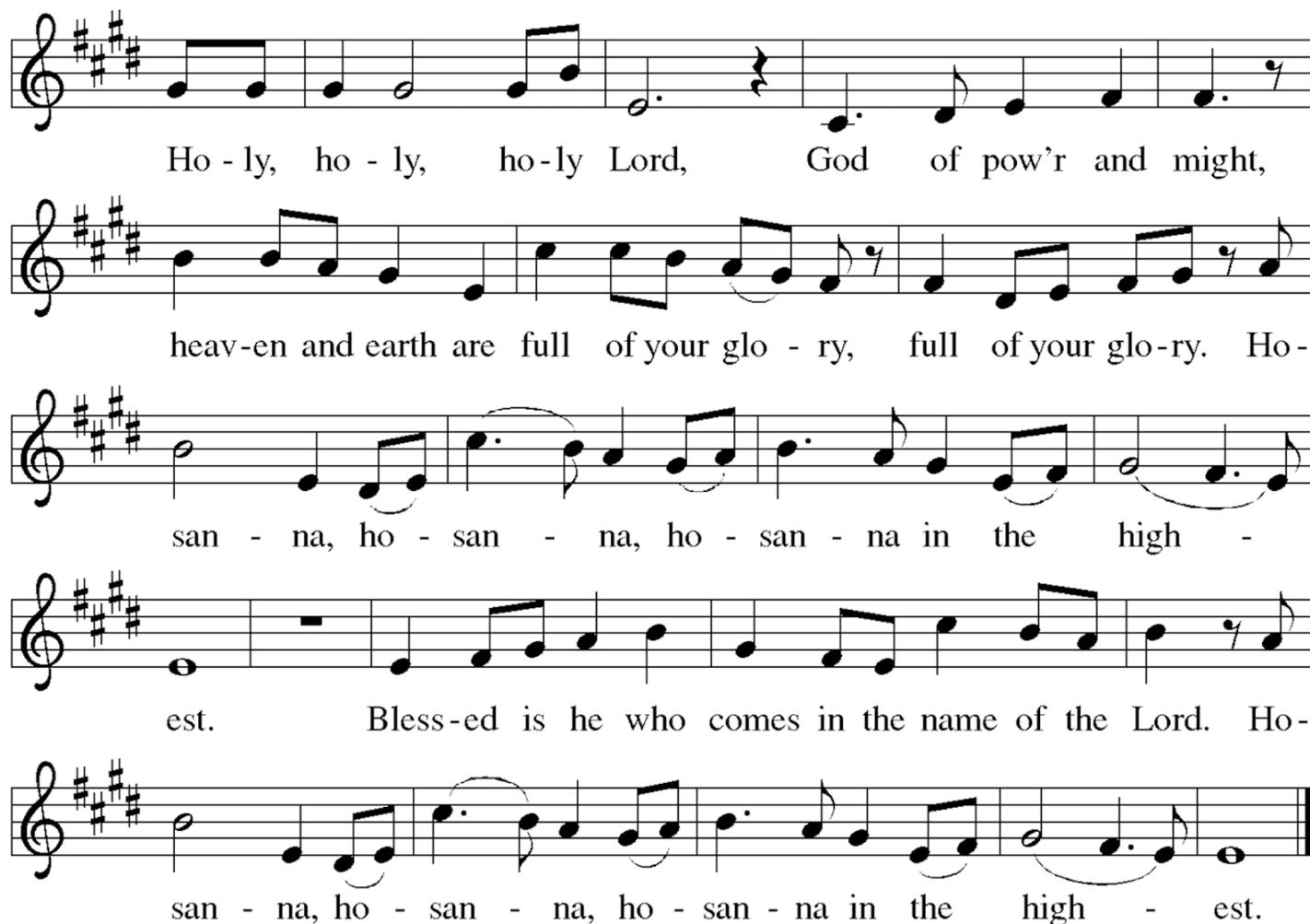
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**God of grace, **hear our prayer.****PEACE**The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.****- MEAL -****OFFERING***His Eye is on the Sparrow - Gabriel, arr. Keveren***PRESENTATION HYMN*****We Are an Offering*****ELW #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, we are an offering.***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.****PREFACE**

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

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE 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.**

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*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, Lamb of God.*

**By Your Hand You Feed Your People**

ELW #469

By your hand you feed your people,  
food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor,  
by your grace have we been fed:

In this meal we taste your sweetness,  
bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom  
satisfy our deepest needs. **Refrain**

**Refrain**

**Christ's own body, blessed and  
broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed,  
restored.**

Send us now with faith and courage  
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying,  
we become what we receive: **Refrain**

**The Lord is My Light***from the taizé community*

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a repeat sign at the beginning of each line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**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.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****- SENDING -****BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN*****We Are Called*****ELW #720**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**Refrain**

**We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your . . . mercy to all those in fear! We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness ... will be.... No more. **Refrain**

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign,  
and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers ... united in love. **Refrain**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*We Are Called - Haas, arr. Hayes*

## *We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space*

Flowers are given today by Bob and Sharon Scott for God's blessing on their 7th Great Grandson Jack Henry who was born on August 19, 2025!



*\* denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

### **Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses:**

*We conclude that "the bosom of Abraham" signifies nothing else than the Word of God. The hell here mentioned cannot be the true hell that will begin on the day of judgment. For the corpse of the rich man is without doubt not in hell, but buried in the earth. This "hell" must however be a place where the soul can be and has no peace, and it cannot be corporeal. Therefore it seems to me that this hell is the conscience, which is without faith and without the Word of God, in which the soul is buried and held until the day of judgment.*

**—Martin Luther**

**[Martin Luther, in *The Sermons of Martin Luther* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book, 2000), IV, 17-32.]**

<b>October Worship Schedule 2025</b>				
<b>Task</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
				<b>Reformation Sunday</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Jean C	Diana W	Judy C	Linda Z
<b>*Acolyte</b>	Pesis	Pesis	O'Reillys	Welmerinks
<b>Reader</b>	Pam S	Davyann S	Matthew R	Sigrun c
<b>*Asst. Minister</b>	Cole P	Todd M	Erica W	Adam W
<b>*Cantor</b>	Dan P	Todd M	Wes G	Louis L
<b>Usher</b>	Tommy K	Zack W	Eileen W	Tom L
<b>*Altar Guild</b>	Eileen W Kathy w	Betty T Annette W	Sharon S Sophia G	Betty T Annette W
<b>Tech Support</b>	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
<b>Musicians</b>	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K			
<b>*Counters</b>	Linda Z Theresa W	Sigrun C Davyann S	Davyann S Linda Z	Theresa W Sigrun C
<b>Coffee after Worship</b>	Open	Open	Zimmerman's	Fellowship Team

## *Activities At Faith*

~ **Lunch Bunch** - Join us October 1st at 12pm for a Potluck at Faith. Bring something to share!

~ **Oktoberfest October 4th at 4 pm here at Faith.** Bratwurst & Buns will be provided. Please bring a German inspired dish to share. Appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. We will provide lemonade & water, BYOB. **Please see the sign up sheet provided in the narthex.** Contact Eileen Way if you have questions: Phone: 775-560-3248 or Email: [eileen4575@gmail.com](mailto:eileen4575@gmail.com)

~ **Coffee after Worship has 2 openings:** October 5th, and October 12th. Thank you for signing up to serve each other.

~ **Contemplative Worship Night Wednesday, October 22nd at 7pm** at Faith. We gather in quietness, for readings and songs and prayers. This is a communal enactment of being still before God. Friends and visitors are welcome.

~ **Family Fun Night Friday, October 24th at 6pm.** Families join us for Dinner, Fun, and Pumpkin Carving! We'll start with a prayerful rhythm and then play some games and get artsy together. And, pumpkins! Join us at the church!

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

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