

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion
October 19, 2025 at 9:30 AM

19th 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 19th Sunday after Pentecost: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Serving Today: ***Greeter:*** Judy C. ***Acolyte:*** O'Reillys ***Reader:*** Matthew R.

Asst Minister: Erica W. ***Cantor:*** Wes G. ***Usher:*** Eileen W.

Altar Guild: Sharon S & Sophia G. ***Tech Support:*** Alex K. ***Counters:*** Tommy K & Linda Z

Musicians: Heinz D. & Matthew R. ***Musical Director/Vocalist:*** Juliana Carmona

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

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE *My Lord, What a Morning, Traditional Spiritual arr. Jay Althouse*

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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389, vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
 to distant years in Palestine,
 but saving, healing, here and now,
 and touching ev'ry place and time.

- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
 good news to this and every age,
 till earth and sky and ocean ring
 with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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

Refrain



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,

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
 from where is my | help to come?
My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

the LORD watches | over you;
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.

The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

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, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON

Hearts Alight and Alive

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

All My Hope on God is Founded

ELW #757

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| <p>1 All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will
guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone, call my
heart to be thine own.</p> | <p>3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store
newborn worlds rise and adore.</p> |
| <p>2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.</p> | <p>4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall</p> |

RESPONSE OF FAITH

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING

Day by Day, Oscar Ahnfelt arr. Stephen Cesare

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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

AGNUS DEI

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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.*

Here, O My Lord, I see Thee

to the tune of ELW #800

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 here would I touch and handle things unseen;
 here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
 and all my weariness upon thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
 here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
 here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 this is the heav'nly table spread for me;
 here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
 the brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;

yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

- 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
 drink the water I will give.
 If you knew what gift I offer,
 you would come to me and live."

Refrain

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
 give us water from your well.
 In the gracious gift you offer
 there is joy no tongue can tell.**

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
 come that I may give you rest.
 Drink the cup of life I offer;
 at this table be my guest." ***Refrain***
- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
 find refreshment in this place.
 Come, receive the gift I offer,
 turn to me and seek my face." ***Refrain***
- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
 leave behind your guilt and shame.
 Come and know divine compassion,
 turn to me, I call your name." ***Refrain***

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;

I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." **Refrain**

Refrain

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
 give us water from your well.
 In the gracious gift you offer
 there is joy no tongue can tell.**

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." **Refrain**

Wait for the Lord

ELW # 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
 Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

SENDING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

1 I love to tell the story
 of unseen things above,
 of Jesus and his glory,
 of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story,
 because I know it's true;
 it satisfies my longings
 as nothing else would do.

Refrain

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. ***Refrain***

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. ***Refrain***

DISMISSALGo in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE***Song of Praise, Bach arr. Christiansen*

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space



Flowers provided today by Perralina Palm in celebration of Devone Henderon's
Birthday!

** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

How long must the widow still knock at the door? Along with this wretched Palestinian widow who has lost all her rights and protection, we may see many, many other petitioners coming: the hungry, the tortured, the homeless, the saints of the ages, and all those whose only prayer is their own existence in need. And how long must terrified Jacob wrestle with the angel, begging for blessing? The images are powerful because they mean to gather us in: our own sense of the unconsolated suffering around us cries out with the widow. But the texts are also full of promise. God does answer, more surely than does this self-assured judge. God does give the blessing. Our assembly on Sunday always gathers to remember that final merciful judgment, to hear it spoken in all its strength again, and to encourage each other to live on the grounds of that judgment even when it doesn't appear to be effective in the world. Listen to the letter to Timothy. Continue, abide, dwell in what you have heard in this assembly and in the Scriptures. Hear the mercy of God in this world.

—Gordon Lathrop

[Gordon Lathrop, in Homilies for the Christian People, 531-532.]

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

~ **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.

~**Fellowship Dinner, Thursday October 23rd at 4:30pm** at Gold Dust West. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. For questions please contact Jean Carter.

~**Trunk or Treat at Elmcrest Elementary, Thursday October 23rd.** Contact Judi Hein for questions or to sign up.

~ **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!

~**Tuesday Bible Readers meets Tuesdays at 1:30pm.** There is a schedule of the readings in the narthex and it has the zoom meeting information. Contact Eileen Way for questions.

~ Please complete the form in the bulletin for **All Saints Day**, place it in the basket in the Narthex for Ginny to pick up, if you're not here in person you can email or call Ginny with the name(s) of those you'd like to remember.

~**Get ready for the 2025 Christmas Concert.** A call out to all you musicians, singers, inspirational speakers, kids, and family groups who would like to participate. Please contact Sharon Scagliotti for questions or details, phone: 916-230-4530 or email: sharonscag@gmail.com

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