

WELCOME, Dear Visitor! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex or fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering box and come back soon!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear loving Savior, thank You for the good gifts that You have so abundantly bestowed upon me, especially your gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please help me now in this worship hour to be strengthened in faith so that I may order my life with Your priorities in mind, this week and always. Amen.

Hand Bell Pre- Service Music “Westminster Chimes” (English/Wagner)

Welcome and Announcements + *please silence cell phones* +

Hand Bell Prelude “Lead Me, Lord” (Wesley/McChesney)

Morning Has Broken (*tune: LSB 789*)

1. Morning has broken like the first morning—
God has awak'ed us like the “first man,”
Breathed His own Spirit into our bodies,
Formed His creation when all began.
2. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning—
In the “New Adam” we were renewed.
Our old, dead spirit saw transformation
When on the cross our Savior we viewed.
3. Sweet the rain's dewfall, sunlight from heaven—
Signs all around us that to believe
Is like a flower in a fresh garden:
Rich to behold and joy to receive.
4. May God's own mercy be like creation,
Fresh ev'ry morning, new ev'ry eve.
May He revive us when we are weary;
Grant us His promise never to leave.

Stand

Invocation & Confession of Sins

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 27:1-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

[cont.]

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son. (*repeat verse*)

And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (*repeat verse*)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (11 am)

“Alleluia”

(Harris)

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
to God's heart of love; But He brought you
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

Sermon


On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray...(after each petition), Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

Sit

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922 sts. 1-4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

“Little Postlude in G Minor”

(Taylor)

Offering - please place in offering boxes near sanctuary exits

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A new Sunday morning Bible Study starts next week! Come enjoy hot coffee, warm fellowship and a new study on God's Word together between the services at 9:45 am, Oct. 1st.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

FAMILY PRAYERS: We continue to pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Florence Fahlstedt, Deacon Tim Bruce, Tom Hoskins, Nancy Sturhan, Dorothy Ludke, Leah Peck, Bob Schoessler, Victor Vardanega, Fred Swenson, Larry Schneibel, Bob Barclay, Patti Weizel and son Kelly, Carolyn Stephens, Dave Cason, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Don Haas, Debbie Hayes, Larry Latson, Gerald Martin, Bud & Doris Harris, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Rev. Time & Heidi Norton and their children Philip & Leslie serving at a mission site in Navajo, NM.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God for all His many blessings by Terry & Sylvia Baxter in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Audio/Visual Team:** Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, Tom Davies
Elder: (8:30) Jerry Walker; (11:00) Gary Meier; **Altar Care:** Jackie Dawley
Lectors: (8:30) Rev. Mark Smith (11:00) Peggy Streeter; **Counters:** Greta Kocol & Sylvia Baxter
Greeters: (8:30) Lila Duncan; (11:00) Mike & Kathy Millar
Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Jon & Stephanie Swensson
Trustees: Larry Schneibel, Paul Kaiser, Paul Schwabe, Tom Maschhoff, Rev. Mark Smith & Jim Jensen

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

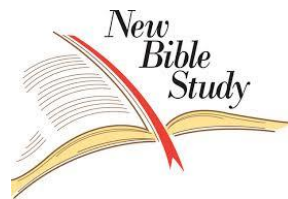
MONDAY: 1 pm Line Dancing (*in the multi-purpose room*)
WEDNESDAY: 8:45 am Preschool Chapel; 6 pm Bell Choir; 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 8:45 & 12:30 Preschool Chapel Times
10 am & 7 pm Living Way Bible Study
12 pm Quilting Group
SATURDAY: 2 pm Memorial Service for Curt Hagan with reception to follow
SUNDAY: 8:30 & 11 am Worship Services
9:45 am Bible Class and Coffee in the Fellowship Hall
5 pm FLC Youth Group



Our LWML collect "mites" or coins in the narthex the 1st Sunday of the month in support of missions.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The memorial service for our brother in Christ, Curt Hagan will be this Saturday at 2 pm. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

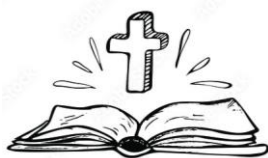
LIVING WAY BIBLE STUDY: resumed last Thursday on the book of *Acts*. Please contact Deloris Donaldson if you would still like to join the class.



MUG MATES PROGRAM:

All women who have brought in a mug and a prayer request sheet should make sure that they pick up a different paper bag from out in the narthex today. Questions may be directed to Sylvia Baxter.

BABY GIFT BAG ITEMS: Your help is needed to complete some items for baby gift bags given out by Obrria PNW (formerly known as My Choices). The items will be taken to the LWML Zone Rally at St. Matthews on Sat., Oct. 7. A list of the items needed include crib sheets, baby wipes, changing pads, baby shampoo, etc. Please check the entire list posted on the bin in the entry to the office under the LWML shelf. Place your purchases in the bin and we will deliver them. There is also a need for "New Mom" Gift Bags. The description is on the posted list.



WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY (WEBS): Begins again on Monday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Patti Vardanega, 125 Madrona Terrace, in Sequim. This informal group meets monthly and offers an opportunity to study God's Word in a home setting. All women of Faith are welcome to attend!

Contact Marion Peterson or Maureen Meier for more information.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Our Preschool has begun a new school year this week and so far, 6 students are in need of scholarship assistance. If you would like to help sponsor a child, or if you would like to help support our scholarship program, please mark your check or offering envelope to: Faith Lutheran Preschool; and in the memo line write: Scholarship Fund. Questions may be directed to our Preschool Board Chair, Jennifer Benson. *Thank you!*



Other Upcoming Preschool Fundraisers: Thursday, October 12th will be our first Papa Murphy's fundraiser of the year. Order pizza anytime between 11am-7pm. Mention you are supporting Faith Lutheran Preschool when you pick up & pay and we will receive 50% of the total sales! We will also be doing a flower bulb sale fundraiser next month. Check upcoming bulletins or the bulletin board for more details.

2023 PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Saturday, Nov. 18th 9 am - 3 pm

Coordinator Lana Adickes is looking for volunteers to help her coordinate this fun, community outreach, fellowship, fundraising event for our Preschool. She is especially seeking a coordinator for the bake sale, the food court, and the crafters.

The Preschool Board would love to include more *handmade items* for sale this year!

Crafters who are willing to work as individuals or in groups are welcome to begin to think about items that could be made or created for the bazaar such as: Tags, Bookmarks, Cards, Ornaments, and the finishing of specialty sewing projects. *(A donation of quilt batting would be appreciated.)*

Bakers are encouraged to find their favorite recipes and practice making your traditional favorite goodies again. Old fashioned Christmas Candies, Cookies, Breads, Muffins, Pies, Scones are always such a hit and would be sold at the bake sale as well as at the food court in individual servings. *(Bring Friday, Nov. 17th)*



The Board is also currently accepting donations of new or gently used items to include in gift baskets. A designated box for collecting items is now in the Narthex. More baskets would also be appreciated.

Please be prayerfully considering supporting this event in some way. Either through donations of items to be sold, or by volunteering to work at the sale (set up, displays, cashiering, carrying items to people's cars, serving food, clean up, etc.) or by planning to come and shop and eat at our sale. Bring a friend and share in the excitement!

