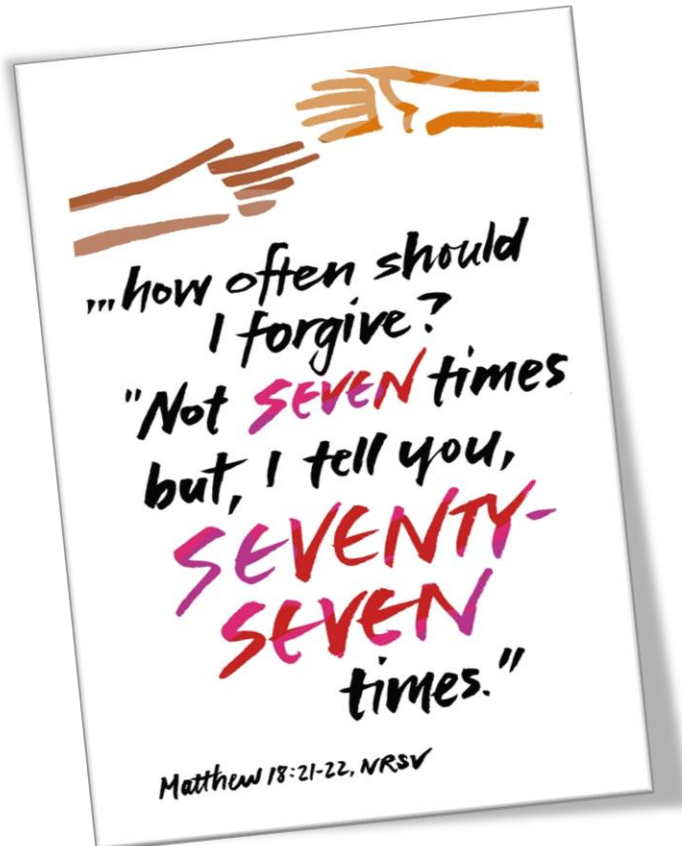


**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Hillsborough, New Jersey**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**10:00 AM**



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

*Today the church commemorates Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179. A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.*

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***Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church.*** *We are glad to have you worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to Pastor Jill and sign the guest book. We hope you will join us again, and cordially extend an invitation to become part of our church family.*

***Please remember to turn off all personal communication devices during worship.***

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

arr. Mark Sedio

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☐ Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*  
Steadfast and faithful God,

☑ **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

☐ Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

☑ **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

ELW 823

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 📖 Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- 🙏 Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

- 📖 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
- 📖 Word of God, word of life.
- 🙏 Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 103:1-13

*LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)*

- Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**
- <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and forget not all God's benefits—**
- <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases;**
- <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave  
**and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- <sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
**so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

<sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
**and your works to the children of Israel.**  
<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**  
<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
**nor will you keep your anger forever.**  
<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
**nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**  
<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,  
**so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

- ☐ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,  
 "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
 and every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

### GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**P** Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a

hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

ELW 716

## **BLESSING OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

**P** Today we recognize these students on their journey of faith. Confirmation is a discernment process, which means we will discover faith in God through studying Scripture, worshipping in community, learning about the sacraments, building relationships, serving others, and noticing ways our baptismal promises are at work in our lives. Every student and faith journey is unique, and so we honor the different beliefs, experiences, and learning styles of everyone in this program. And at the end of the program, we will respect the decision each student makes about whether to affirm their baptism publicly.

Remember that confirmation is not school nor is affirming their baptism a graduation. Our learning together isn't for the sake of certainty, confidence or a personal achievement that makes them more acceptable to God...We are always confirming our faith.

I ask the people of God in this community: Do you promise to continue praying for these young people as they begin confirmation? Will you hold sacred space for the fullness of their unique questions, identities, and callings as beloved children of God.

If so, answer, "We will."

**C** We will.

**P** I ask the parents and guardians of these young people, will you continue holding their baptismal promises? Will you nurture and share your own faith so that your

children can see the beautiful and messy fullness of who you are still becoming? Will you be curious and understanding of your own questions, doubts, and joys so that you may also be open to those of your child, and more deeply share this journey of faith?

If so, answer, "We will!"

**R** We will.

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, we are still becoming, still being made new, still listening for a word about who we are meant to be. Continue to speak into our lives, to remind us that we are yours, to reaffirm the promises that give us hope and life. Bless these students with the presence of your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in Your presence, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

(Adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson, *Speak it Plain: Words for Worship and Life Together*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press; 2020.)

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Let us together confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** 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 hell.

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.

## THE PRAYERS

**A** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

**A** Merciful God,    **C** receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

**A** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**A** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

## MEAL

Please be seated.

### OFFERING

Musid During the Offering

Janice Vahl

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Civilla Martin

Please stand as you are able.

### OFFERING SONG

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 181



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the



brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

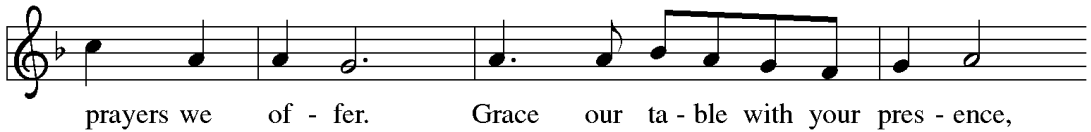


seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the





prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

*The minister makes ready the bread and wine.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

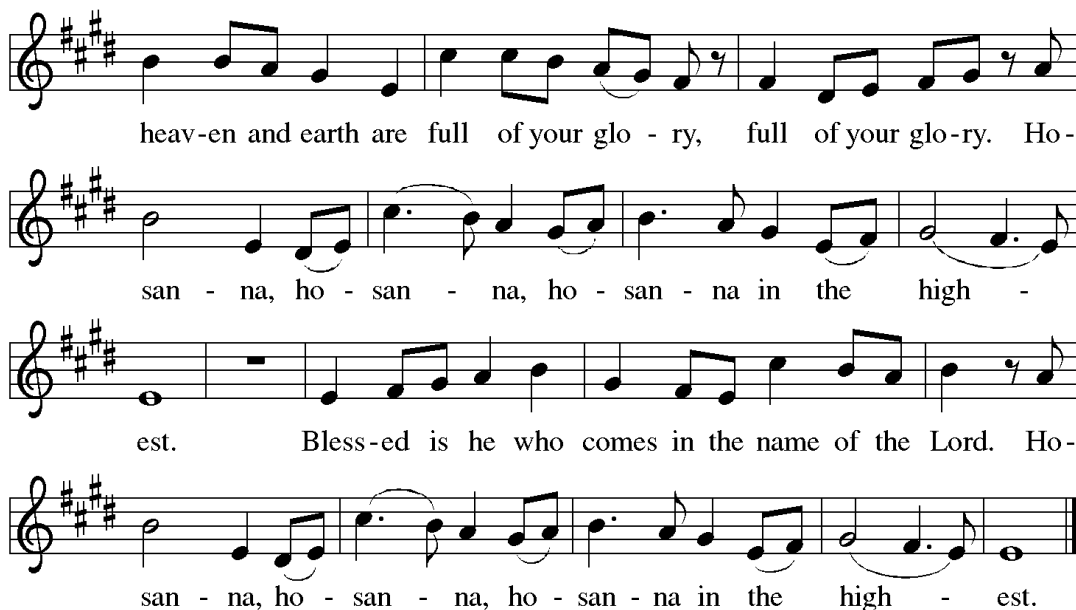
#### PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:*) 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory...  
...Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION

☐ Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*Please be seated.*

## SHARING

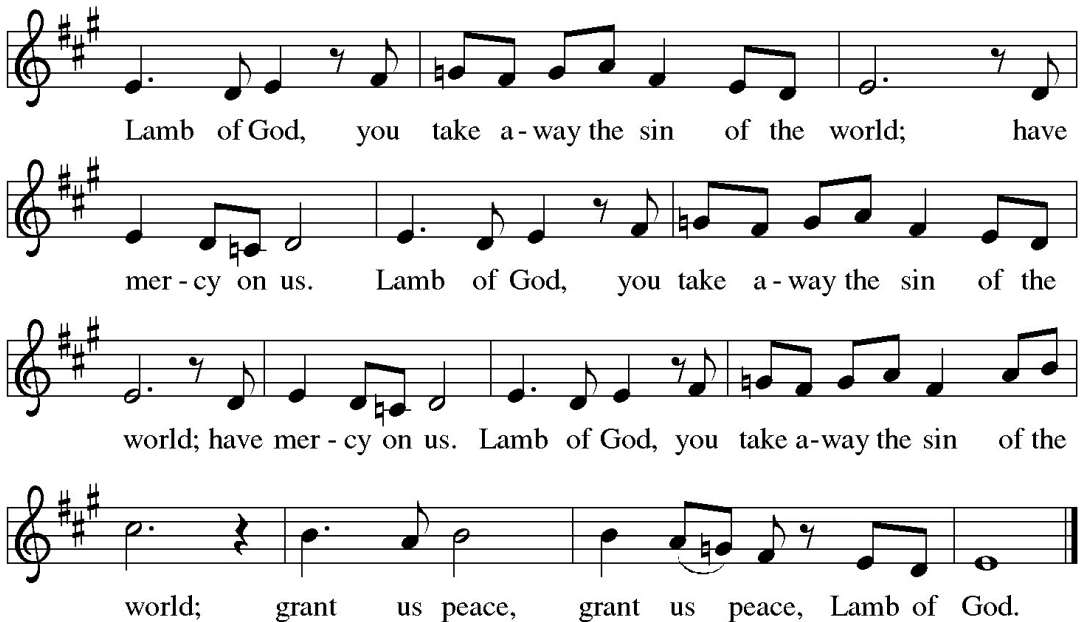
*All are welcome at the table. If you are not receiving communion, you are invited to come forward for a spoken blessing. Holy Communion is received using a loaf of bread today. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the pastor. Individually wrapped gluten-free wafers are available – let the pastor know of your need at the altar. White grape juice is in cups in the center portion of the tray, and the wine is red. If you cannot receive either the wine or the bread, know that Christ comes to you fully in one element. PLEASE NOTE...If you are unable to come forward to receive the Eucharist, please notify an usher so Communion may be brought to you.*

*As folks come to the altar, worship assistants are communed, followed by those receiving at their seats. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, given for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen.*

## SUNG DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*I Come with Joy (ELW 482); Goodness Is Stronger than Evil (ELW 721)*

*Please stand as you are able after all have received.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ Amen.

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
- ☑ Amen.

### SENDING

#### BLESSING

- ☐ The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

**SENDING SONG**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW 452

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*O Great is the Depth*

Felix Mendelssohn

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## **We Remember in Our Prayers...**

*(Please call or email the Church Office with any additions, deletions or changes to our prayer list.)*

### **...those who are ill**

*Dick Van Arsdale, Charles Hoyda, Anthony Turck, Martin Boer, Bob Perrone, Pastor Zimmermann, Betty Hannum, Andrew Wishnow, Lorraine Capobianco*

### **...those who are anticipating or recovering from surgery**

*Karen Gorgy, Michele Szabocsik, Barbara Turck*

### **...those who are hospitalized**

### **...those who are grieving; the family and friends of:**

*Maria Gerbino (Linda Gerbino), Robert Graham (Linda Gerbino)*

### **...those who are homebound or in care facilities**

*Nick Troisi, John and Mildred Valentine*

### **...those away at school**

*Rider Bumgarner, Joey Cseh, Ailyn Del Rio, Nick Fanizzi, Patrick Flynn, Nathan Haase, Abby Mastakas, Noel Mastakas, Zoe Mastakas, Jana Mizrachy, Christian Nielsen, Lexi Nielsen, Greg Nobile, Matthew Porowski, Tommy Porowski, Brianna Reimann, Nick Silady, Zach Volpe, Gillian Westhusin, Joey Westhusin*

### **...those in the military**

*Peter Burfeind, Dominick Distano, Brian Hanson, Catie Hawkes, Chris Johnson, Erik Johnson, Zackary Johnson, Andrew Lingg, Carter Post, Nathaniel Quam, Mike Subach, Matt Toste*

### **...family and friends (requested by)**

*Ian Progin (Becky Majewski), Mike Price (Beth Noble), Lubov (Pastor Jill), Krishnan Patel and the Patel Family (Izzy Volpe), Maddie (Izzy Volpe), Jackie (Izzy Volpe), Meg Donhauser (Becky Majewski), Georgianne Hofmann (Brenda Overcash), Mitzi Schoen (Kristin Wishbow), Patrick O'Neill (Janice Vahl), David Roy (Janice Vahl), Kristen Heinzl (Bob Hawkes), Emmett Kresge (Sarah Ponsini), John W. Kalmbach (David Haase), Emmalyn Schmitt (Debra Porowski), Jane Moreland (Monica Adelman), Rosalie Loder (Monica Adelman), Maureen Dunleavy (Marty Williams), Carol Schmitt (Mel Hixson), Barney Hoffman (Joan Karsay), Charlotte Johnson (Joan Karsay), David Hudock (Vanessa Markota), Jim Gilmore (Kelly Villano), Travis Metcalfe (Kristi Metcalfe), Josh Diesner (Faith Ludvigsen), Kristin Donahue Doulis (Joan Karsay), Carl Patane (Anthony Patane), Marian and Jerry Coiley (Beth Noble), Cecelia Kukuchka (Erica Puskas), Jen Crooke (Erica Puskas), Mike Wetherill (David Hart), Holly Spector (David Hart), Karen Gilmore (Kelly Villano), Nabil Barsoum (Beth Noble), Adam Weiner (Janice Vahl), Donna Hart (David Hart), Ann Boer (Martin Boer), Rinaldo Cantone (Monica Adelman), Dorothy Staszczyk (Tom Staszczyk), Michelle Losey (Melissa Hixson), Randy and Lousie Martin (Brenda Overcash)*

**God of compassion, your son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN (9/17)	16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Adult Forum Confirmation Orientation Foundations of Faith	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM
MON (9/18)	RIC Meeting	6:30 PM
TUES (9/19)	Council Meeting	7:15 PM
WED (9/20)	Property Meeting (Zoom)	7:15 PM
THURS (9/21)	Senior Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN (9/24)	17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Adult Forum Confirmation Class Foundations of Faith	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM
THURS (9/28)	Church Office Closed Senior Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM



Tom Westhusin  
Mara Lamb  
Skyla Metcalfe  
Victoria Christopulos

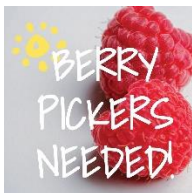
Mike Pfau  
Brianna Reimann  
Megan Advani  
Matthew Majewski



A New Confirmation Year. We will bless the confirmation students during worship on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, praying for them as they explore their faith in the year ahead. Following worship on that day, parents and students will meet with Pastor Jill in the sanctuary to go over program requirements and scheduling and to address any questions.



Mark your calendar for a church property work day on 10/14 (rain date 10/28). We will start at 9:00 AM and finish by noon. Please come to help for any part or all of that time. Light work like weeding, bush and tree trimming and general garden maintenance is planned. Bring your favorite gardening tool if you can and pitch in! Your help will make the church look more inviting and will be greatly appreciated. Questions can be sent to [cmichaelpfau@gmail.com](mailto:cmichaelpfau@gmail.com).



Our berry patch over-floweth! Please come and pick some berries from our berry patch. It seems we are losing more fruit to rot than what is being picked. We have about a month or so left of production. Our hope is that when we formally open the patch to the public next year, they will come and get to know Faith Lutheran as well as pick all the berries.



Faith's Fall Festival 2023  
Sunday, October 8 (rain or shine)  
11:00 a.m. – ?

Games, Pumpkin Painting, Food, and Fellowship! We ask for help with: set up, clean up, grilling burgers and hotdogs, help with activities and/or games. Donations of either a dessert or salad to share and a free will offering to cover the cost of the burgers, dogs and rolls are appreciated. Please bring your lawn games to add to the fun! Sign up is posted in the narthex.





Join us for Foundations of Faith ("Sunday School") beginning this afternoon. Twice each month we will meet in the back narthex from 4:00 - 5:00pm. We will hear a Bible story, make music, play games, and do a craft. All ages are welcome, but we are specifically inviting anyone ages 5-12 to join us. Those younger than 5 are also welcome to stay with a parent.

Register by using the link in the weekly email or completing a form that can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Forms can be left in Collen's mailbox in the kitchen. Contact Becky Majewski or Aubrey Kandell with any questions. Hope to see you there!



The Adult Forum will be studying "Revelation & the End of All Things." Books will be provided as usual. We try to have each meeting be freestanding so we can schedule our discussion and schedule in accordance with what works for our attendees. This means you need not be concerned if you will not be able to attend

as regularly as you wish. Many of us have the same issues. The discussion is somewhat free-flowing but we try to follow the text. Our previous attendees are a mixed group with every level of Lutheran and Biblical knowledge. Please consider sharing this study with us, it should be fun!



Today we continue our annual September of Welcome: a time to help welcome new folks into this community of faith. It is also an opportunity for us to get to know one another better—do you prefer to be called Barbara or Barb, Robert or Bob? The directory listing may not be reflective of the day-to-day "you."

You will notice that some of the name tags provide space to write your preferred pronouns, if you so choose. Providing our pronouns is an act of welcome to our LGBTQ+ siblings by affirming that use of proper pronouns is something that is important to us all, regardless of our gender identity. This is simply a way to receive and welcome using the words folks use for themselves.



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM  
Adult Forum: 11:00 AM  
Foundations of Faith: 4:00 PM (Check calendar for dates)  
Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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### **Assisting with Today's Service**

Assisting Minister – Faith Ludvigsen  
Acolyte – Carol Jones  
Lector – Melissa Hixson  
Ushers – Harry Capobianco, Daniel Ponsini  
Altar Guild – Carol Jones  
Bread – Kelly Haase  
Counters – Paul Dankers, Daniel Ponsini

### **Altar Flowers**

In memory of Ronnie  
by Lynn DeLozier

In memory of Andy  
by Jean Lapotasky

### **Faith's Mission Statement**

*It is our mission to celebrate God's love, accept each other as Christ accepts us, and serve with His Spirit in our community.*