

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “He Is Exalted”

(piano)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

**Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Gracious God, you are Jehovah Jireh, our Great Provider. Today we read about the Israelites longing to return to Egypt where they had food and a roof over their heads. In our sin, we often prefer captivity where our stomachs are full than freedom with hunger. Give us courage to turn our backs on captivity and the comforts it may offer. Open our hearts to trust in you as our source of freedom and daily bread.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: Exodus 16:1-18

Reader: John Williams

¹The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had

died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.” ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading: John 6:51*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Scripture Song – “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW 461 (organ)

- 1 **All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2 **All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3 **All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

Sermon: “God Provides”

Song of the Day – “By Your Hand, You Feed Your People” ELW 469 (piano)

1. **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:**

*Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.*

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

Stewardship Time

“Good to Me,” arr. Shipps
Faith Singers

*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are
communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offertory*

“Doxology” ELW 884 (organ)
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

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.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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 Invitation: "Come to the Table"

We come to the table... **We come to the table**
We come to break bread... **We come to break bread**
Jesus is calling... **Jesus is calling**
So come and be fed... **So come and be fed**
We're feasting on manna... **We're feasting on manna**
And we drink from the vine
So come to the table, if you're willing and able
Won't you come and dine... Won't you come and dine

Communion Songs

“All My Days”

(piano)

**1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**2 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! *Refrain***

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” ELW 494

(organ)

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**
- 3 With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “May the Hope of God Go with Us” (ACS 984) (piano)*

**May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: John Williams

Usher: Patty Nelson

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Bass Guiarist: Rigby Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Mindy Carlson & Ken Devlin

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Hosts: Judy Dillard & Vicki Robson



Singers:

Maddy Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker
			Kelly Street

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 12, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 15, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Sunday, October 19, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 20, 6:00pm: Worship Core Team Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 3:30pm: Oktoberfest Service & Indoor Meal

4:30pm: Oktoberfest Outdoor Meal & Trunk-or-Treat

The altar plants are donated today by Craig & Elisha Miller
in celebration of Rhett's 4th birthday on October 23

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News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith's Little Flock – (Ages 2–7)

gathers during worship right after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

In October, Faith's Little Flock is excited to welcome three new volunteers to the teaching rotation! Together, we will explore stories about Moses and the Burning Bush, Manna and Quail, and learn about Samuel and David. Through engaging activities, the children will experience the stories by learning, living, and singing them. We will also provide materials for parents to continue these lessons at home.

Faith's Little Flock warmly welcomes—and deeply appreciates—our adult and older youth volunteers. If you're interested in spending time with the children during part of the Sunday worship service or joining the teacher rotation for Faith's Little Flock, please reach out to Melissa Street or Pam Devlin. Blessings, *Melissa*

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will sing “Your Grace Still Amazes Me” for Reformation Sunday, October 26. **Rehearsals will be after church today and on October 19th.** The YouTube link to the song is: <https://youtu.be/8nt6r2-5TZQ?si=U61Wm6hlRlCvDdWI>
Let Jean know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Fall Fest Trunk-or-Treat, Meal, and Polka Service... A Barrel of Fun!

Roll out the barrel as we join for some fun, food, and worship on **Saturday, October 25**. It will be a day of worship, fellowship, and outreach for our Faith Family and the entire community. We start at **3:30pm** with some toe-tapping worship with a liturgy set to favorite polka tunes in the sanctuary. Then, bring on the food! Bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, all washed down with mugs of root beer, then with some German chocolate cupcakes to top it off. The fun continues outside for our second annual Trunk-or-Treat with decorated trunks and activities. These events are for the entire community, and there are many ways to participate.

See the **Sign-Up sheet** on the counter by the coffee sales: to prepare potato salad (German or regular, recipes provided) and cupcakes, to help set up, serve, and clean up.

A **Sign-Up** is also available for hosting a trunk, booth, or game for the **Trunk-or-Treat**. Questions? Talk to Monica Proefrock.

This takes the place of our Soup, Salad, and Dessert event this year, so let's come together, invite our neighbors, and have a barrel of fun!

Discipleship Group

Join us for the Discipleship Group meeting at **10:00am on Wednesday, October 15**, in the Faith Library as we meet for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. We have a lot of fun with lively discussions. Let's grow together in compassion, connection, and purpose.

Reformation Sunday October 26

Let's roll out the red carpet (or paraments) as we celebrate Reformation Sunday! It will be a special morning with an opportunity (or two) to belt out "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and a musical offering from our Chancel Choir. Wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit, as we trust that God's reforming work and refining fire continue to be at work in us and throughout Christ's church.

All Saints Sunday November 2

On November 2, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, an opportunity to remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year. If you would like the name of your loved one shared, please submit it to the church office **by Friday, October 31**.

Bible Boot Camp

We had a great outing to the Martin's home to learn about God's creation IN God's creation. Families sang songs about hippopotamuses, survived an epic nature hike with our own naturalist Paul Scheerer, and enjoyed a delicious cookout with homemade ice cream. Thank you to Galen and Marty for this wonderful day! Bible Boot Camp will not meet during October, but do join us at our Fall Fest on October 25 for food and fun, including a bounce house, games, and trunk-or-treat. **Bible Boot Camp will resume on November 2, 16, and 30, 4:30-6:00pm, with a Christmas party on December 14.**

Upcoming Youth Events

Our Youth are invited to join us on October 25 as we carve jack-o-lanterns and learn about letting our light shine. We will meet at 6:30pm after the trunk-or-treat. Then, on All Saints Sunday, November 2, we will have a special "Soup with the Saints" meal at 6:00pm. Youth will be inviting "saints" who have been role models of faith to join in conversations about faith and following God.

Doorbell Dinners October 27-31

Help us deliver meals in the community through our community-wide Doorbell Dinners ministry. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time

commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales. Questions? Talk to Sharon Zuiderveld.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

There is always a need for food donations at the Food Center. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet).

New Directions Meal Train

The New Directions homeless shelter is looking for volunteers to provide meals for their residents. There are typically 5-12 residents each night, but they ask that you call ahead to confirm the headcount for the day. Meals can be dropped off between 5:30-6:00pm, and you are welcome to stay and eat. For more information, visit “New Directions Jacksonville, IL” on Facebook.