

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

We welcome retired pastor, Rev. Dr. Glen VanderKloot this morning

Greetings and Welcome

Dialogue, "Whom Will You Serve"

Call to Worship – "Now Is the Time"

(piano)

Refrain: Come to us, you who say, "I will not forget you."

Be with us, you who say, "Do not be afraid."

Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.

Make us you own, now is the time.

- 1. Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred. Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain**
- 2. Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger. Spirit of life, break the chains of death.
Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain**
- 3. Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting. Spirit of truth, save us from our lies.
Spirit of God, walk among your people.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain**

**Confession and Forgiveness*

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

C: Amen

P: From the beginning of time God made covenants with God's people - promises that create relationships filled with expectation. We expect that the one who makes the covenant will be faithful and follow through on their promise. God has done this time and time again. God expects that we will follow God and live in the covenant God made with us. We fall short time and time again. Let's take a moment to confess our sin, express our desire to start anew, and ask for God's forgiveness and strength.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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.

Hymn of Praise – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ELW 632 (organ)

- 1 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 2 **Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3 **Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 5 **Time, like an ever-rolling stream, ears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**
- 6 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.**

Children's Sermon: "Who are you?"

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-15 *Reader:* Barb Davenport

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness for a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak, son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not laboured, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant. ¹⁴'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 4:8-10

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ ¹⁰Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”

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

Song– “Make Me a Servant”

(*piano*)

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

Sermon – “Colors of the Covenant – Indigo Brings New Identity”

Song of the Day – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733

(*organ*)

1. **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***
3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *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*

Stewardship Time

Jean Welch, piano

**Great Thanksgiving*

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

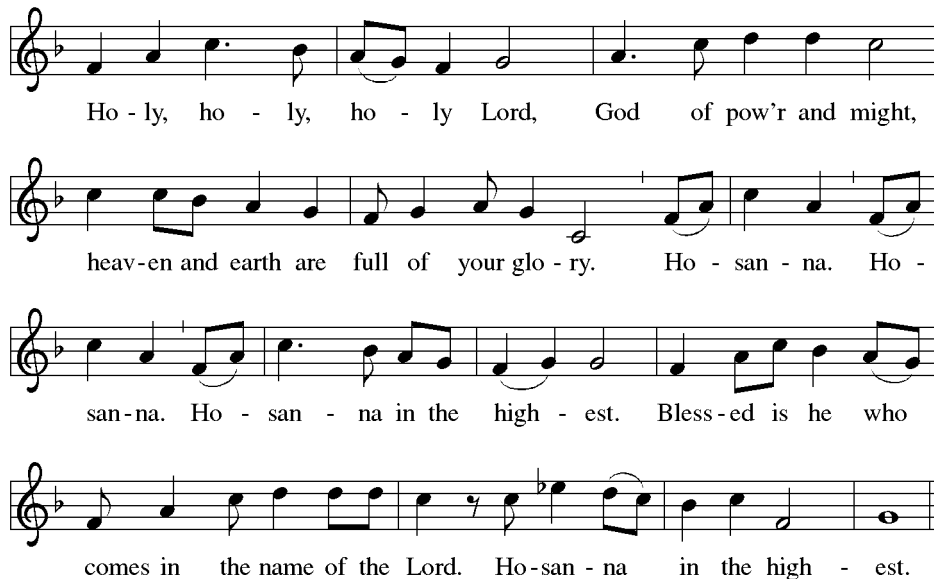
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

**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 Songs:

“In Moments Like These” *(piano)*

**In moments like these, I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these, I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord.
Singing I love You, Lord, singing I love You, Lord;
Singing I love You, Lord, I love You.**

“Beautiful Savior” ELW 838 *(organ)*

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

**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*

**Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Shout to the North”*

(piano)

**Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.**

*Refrain: Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*

**Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing pow’r of our awesome King of love? *Refrain***

**We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain,
we’ve been refined by the pow’r of his name.
We’ve fallen deeper in love with you, you’ve burned the truth on our lips.
*Refrain***

**Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high, by his grace again we’ll fly. *Refrain***

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker
Greeter: Gayla, Debbie, & Ethel
Reader: Barb Davenport
Usher: Larry Kuster
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Organist: Susan Roegge
Drummer: John Demien
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Kelly Hartz
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw
Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker



Singers:

Marilyn Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Melissa Street
Kelly Hartz	Nichole Licht	Carol VanderKloot
Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	

Church Council Members:

Barb Davenport	Kelly Hartz	Kelly Street
Ken Devlin	Mike Oldenettel	Lisa Taylor
Naomi Hahn	Karen Sibert	

The altar plants are given today by the Roth family
in celebration of Elliot's 3rd birthday on October 18
and by Pat Glyshaw in celebration of Brian & Jess' wedding anniversary

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News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 16, 10:30am: Sunday School

Monday, October 17, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 19, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

12-1pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

6pm: Women's Fellowship Craft Night in the Great Room

Thursday, October 20, 6pm: Council Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23, 10:30am: Sunday School

5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Monday, October 24, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 26, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

12-1pm & 6-7pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

Thursday, October 27, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 29, 10am-2pm: "Connecting to God Retreat" (*see para. on next page*)

Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style – Recap

Many, many thanks to all who helped prepare for and serve our Carry-Out Soup Luncheon last Sunday! Not only was the food delicious, but it was a joy to see everyone working together on this again. We raised \$1,424, filled over 150 bellies, and shared the love of Christ every step of the way. One significant way this happened took place the next day. We made arrangements to take about 50 bowls of soup, corn bread, and desserts to the Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen on Monday afternoon. Due to the holiday, Polly Pully had canceled their free meal, but many didn't get the notice and started showing up for food. Our soups arrived at just the right time, and they had plenty to serve and share. God is good! Stay tuned for an update on how the money we raised will be used to support our ministry. Check the Great Room for containers that you brought soup in.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10am on WEDNESDAY, October 19, in the Faith Library as we continue our study series about Jesus and nature. This month, we'll explore our relationships with soil as part of God's creation. Please join us for some wonderful fellowship and Bible study. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Music Rehearsals

Exaltation Ringers meet on Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm, and **Chancel Choir** meets on Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm. We would love to have you join us - if you're interested in either of these groups, please contact me at jrwelch53@msn.com or 217/652-7009. The choirs offer so much - not only do they add glorious praise to God during the worship services, but the fellowship between the members is also a gift. Hope you will join us!!
Jean Welch, Director of Music

Celebrating Pastor Adam's 10th Anniversary at Faith

Please join us next Sunday, October 23, as we celebrate Pastor Adam's 10th anniversary at Faith with cake and coffee after the service. Cards are welcome. Highlights of those years may appear on TV screens in the gathering area. See if you or your loved ones appear!

Connecting to God Retreat — An Introduction to Spiritual Practices

On Saturday, October 29th, Pastor Glen VanderKloot will lead a half-day experiential retreat on Spiritual Practices at Faith, open to anyone middle school to 99. Pastor Glen will not only introduce and model these practices, but you will also try them out. You can bring a friend, as long as you register them. The retreat will be from 10:00-2:00, and lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Glen at 217-816-6981 or email

at pastor@faithlutheran.com. Pastor Glen recently received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in Spiritual Practices from the Claremont School of Theology.

Please pre-register so we can have adequate supplies and food for lunch. **Sign up** on the registration sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.

All Saints Sunday November 6

On All Saints Sunday we will 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, November 4.**

Nursery Attendants needed

We would like to start having Nursery Attendants available for our 9:30am Sunday morning services again. Is anyone interested in helping (18 years old and up)? We would ask that you be available by 9:20am in case parents bring their children early, and then you would stay until they come back to pick them up. Some parents might have their children stay in church for the Children's Sermon and then bring them to the nursery. Please sign up in the binder on the podium by the east doors.

Doorbell Dinners October 31 – November 4

Help us deliver meals in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair-Trade coffee sales.

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea: Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **New Item: \$5.50** coffee pods). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.

Maintenance Ministry

Do you like small fixup projects? Let us know! Contact the church office for a list of small projects and leave your name so we can organize a maintenance day.

Synod Faith Formation and Prayer Group Opportunities

Our synod is offering some new opportunities to grow in your faith and reach out to the unchurched in our communities. Wanting to dig deeper into your understanding of the Bible? Consider taking the "Understanding the New Testament" course. Six sessions on Saturdays starting September 3 with Bishop John Roth. Consider joining the synod Zoom

book group that reads “Deep Roots, Wild Branches” by Michael Adam Beck to stir your imagination about where the Spirit may be leading us. Or join us in prayer on the first Friday of each month on Zoom as we pray for the people and places engaged in starting new ministries and outreach. Visit www.csis-elca.org for more information.

Jacksonville Symphony Chorale

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorale is holding rehearsals for their Christmas concert on **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the McGaw Fine Arts Building (room 124) on the Illinois College campus. They are blessed to again have the JHS choir joining them under the direction of Stephanie Soltermann! If you would like to sing with the chorale, contact Terri Benz (217-370-2472), or just show up at the rehearsal.

Help us fill the Foster Care Closet

The majority of the children who come into foster care arrive with little to nothing. Together, we provide a sense of worth, excitement, and can ease the process of entering foster care. The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is pairing with Central Christian Church to supply children entering foster care with much-needed items. Together, we can do great things! Needed items include:

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| Walmart Gift Cards | Children’s toothpaste | Underwear (all sizes) |
| Deodorant | Children’s toothbrushes | Laundry baskets |
| Hair brushes | Children’s shampoo | Hampers |
| Socks (all sizes) | Children’s body wash | |

Please place your donations in the blue box (located in the coat closet) **by Oct. 30, 2022**.

Eastern Europe Crisis Response -- Ukraine

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation;** make check out to Faith with “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” in the memo line.