

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

Greetings and Welcome

Monologue: "How do we go forth?" - Terri Kimler

Call to Worship – “To God Be the Glory”

(piano)

- 1 **To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

- 2 **Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain***

- 3 **Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *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 – “Glorious Praise,” arr. Behnke

Exaltation Ringers

Children's Sermon: “How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea”

First Reading: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Reader: Monica Proefrock

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed towards the people, and they said, ‘What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?’ ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ ¹³But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.’

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 2:13-15

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

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

Song— “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” ELW 631, vv. 1 & 3 (organ)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave,
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Sermon – “Colors of the Covenant – Green is for Go Forth”

Song of the Day – “Be Not Afraid” (piano)

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face God and live.

*Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *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

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning,” arr. Jay Althouse

Ladies of Faith

**Great Thanksgiving*

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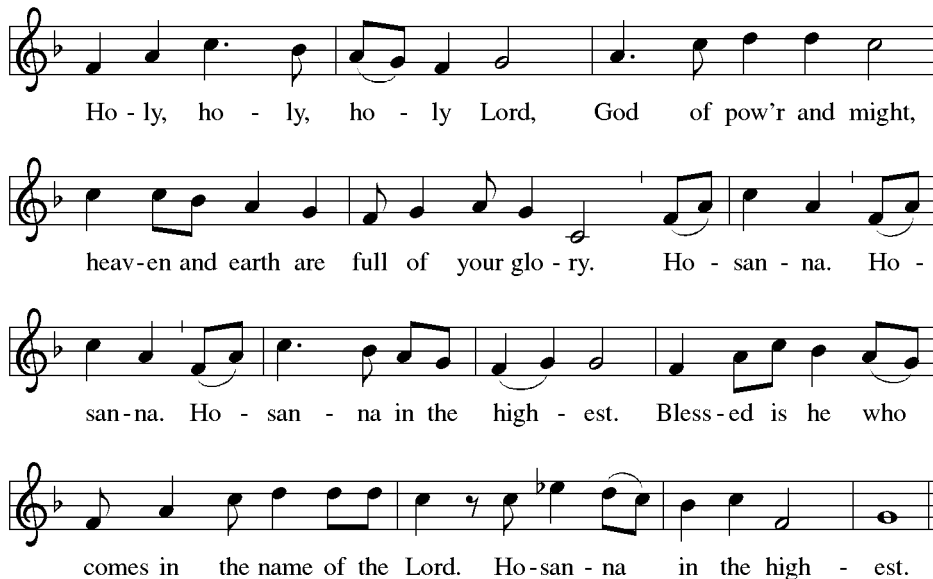
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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:

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ELW 779 (*organ*)

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
2. **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**
5. **When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.**

“There Is a Redeemer”

(*piano*)

1. **There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Refrain: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

2. **Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain***

3. **When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.
There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place. *Refrain***

**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 – “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 618, vv. 1, 2, & 5 (organ)*

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Ken Devlin

Greeter: Lillian Korous

Reader: Monica Proefrock

Usher: John Williams

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Financial Assistants: Kelly Hartz & Karen Sibert

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: Karen Sibert



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 Sharon Zuiderveld
in honor of our Homebound Members

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News Updates

What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 2, 10:30am: Sunday School

5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Monday, October 3, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 5, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

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

Thursday, October 6, 5pm: Parish Worship Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 8, 10am: Soup Luncheon prep

Sunday, October 9, 10:30am: Sunday School

10:30-1:00: Carry-Out Soup Lunch

Monday, October 10, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 12, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

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

Thursday, October 13, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style – Sunday, October 9 – Sign Ups Available

Our annual Soup Luncheon will return this year with a different format. Instead of a sit-down meal, we will be offering Carry-Out Soups (cold) and Desserts on **Sunday, October 9, from 10:30am - 1:00pm**. While some of the jobs needed for a sit-down meal will not be necessary, **we still need your help!**

Sign-up sheets are available (on the counter by the coffee sales) for making **Soups & Desserts** and working for the event. We ask that you bring your soups and desserts **by 10am on Saturday, October 8** for us to begin packaging them into serving containers (the building will be open at 8am).

A “**Worker**” sign-up is available for helping to package on Saturday and helping to serve on Sunday (2 Sunday shifts are available).

Tickets are available for you to buy for yourself or to take to sell to friends (\$7 in advance/\$8 at the door). Advance ticket sales will help us determine how much food we need to provide.

Posters are available for you to take to help us advertise.

There are envelopes available if you'd like to provide a **Monetary Donation** for purchasing extra supplies. Put your envelope in the box provided, and please put your name on the sign-up list.

It has been three years since our last luncheon... even though this one will be different, let's work together to serve our community and share some delicious Lutheran Love! Thanks!

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

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. 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 will begin rehearsals for their Christmas concert on **Tuesday, October 4, 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 first 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:

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.