

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Greetings and Welcome

Dialogue: "The Gossip" with Kelly Hartz and Lisa Taylor

Call to Worship – “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW 765

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

**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 – “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.**

Children's Sermon: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

First Reading: Genesis 39:1-23 Reader: Patrick Kunihiro

¹Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.

²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favour in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, 'See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.' ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, 'The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.'

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, 'This is the way your servant treated me', he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favour in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

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

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:11-12*

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Song – “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,
Singing “Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name of the Lord.” *Repeat***

Sermon – “Colors of the Covenant – Yellow Is for Yearning”

Song of the Day – “Crucified with Christ”

*Refrain: I’ve been crucified with Christ. Oh Christ alive in me.
And the life I live, I live by faith in the Son who died for me.
I’ve been crucified with Christ. Oh Christ alive in me.
And the life within my body now’s the life He lives in me.*

**I bring nothing but a heart that’s full of sin and ripped apart
and I can’t even make a start of walking in Your way.
But in Your cross Your love I’m given. On Your cross my sins forgiven.
By Your cross new life I’m living, rising ev’ry day. *Refrain***

**Help me stand, I’m full of weakness. Help me speak, I’m full of meekness.
Help me shine through all the bleakness, trusting only You.
Without You, I’m just not able. Take me, Lord, up to Your table.
Feed me, fill me, Lord, enable me to follow You. *Refrain***

**Crucified with Christ. Crucified with Christ.
Crucified with Christ. Crucified with Christ.**

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

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee,” arr. Gail Ann Wasson

Susan Roegge, piano

**Great Thanksgiving*

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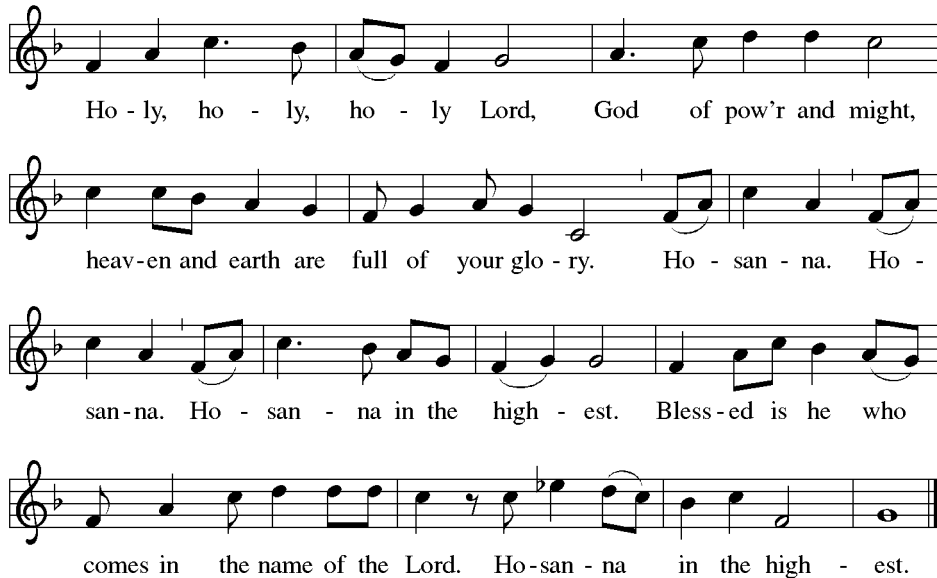
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW 597

- 1 **My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 **When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***
- 3 **His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***
- 4 **When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” ELW 656

1. **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**
2. **Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**
3. **We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
4. **From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

**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 – “Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793*

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.**
3. **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
4. **Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert
Greeters: Barb Fishback
Reader: Patrick Kunihiro
Usher: John Williams
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Susan Roegge
Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Lisa Taylor
Chancel Committee: Kim Heise
Coffee Host: outdoor picnic

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 Laura's birthday on September 27
and by Amy Stevens-Kaufmann in memory of Dr. Tom Stevens' birthday
on September 27

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News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 25, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship + Picnic
5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Monday, September 26, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom
Wednesday, September 28, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
12-1pm + 6pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Justice Room
Thursday, September 29, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 1, 9-10am: Men's Breakfast Group
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
Thursday, October 6, 5pm: Parish Worship Meeting
6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 8, 10am: Soup Luncheon prep

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. Some ice cream buckets are available to bring your soup in, if you'd like to use them, or you could bring your soup in the cooking pot.

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! If you have any **tray-type cardboard boxes or small cardboard boxes** to donate, please bring them to church to make carrying food out easier. Thanks!

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

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.**

Oktoberfest at St. John's, Springfield – Saturday, October 8

St. John's Lutheran Church is celebrating its German heritage with a fun lawn party held outside at the northeast corner of St. John's parking lot. We are offering authentic German music provided by the Die Musikmeisters Band, traditional German food and beverages, great portions of fellowship, fun folk dancing led by the Springfield International Folk Dancers, and games. St. John's is extending a warm invitation to the disciples at Grace Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, and Faith Lutheran (Jacksonville) to join in this year!!

The ticket price is \$20 for an adult meal (includes Bratwurst OR Pork Chop, German Potato Salad, Southern Green Beans, Roasted Caramel Apples, Dinner Roll and Butter, Apple Strudel) and beverage of Iced Tea, Lemonade, or Water. German beer and wine is also available for advance purchase of \$4 each, or 3 tickets for \$10. A maximum of 3 alcoholic drinks will be allowed per adult. Prepackaged Kids Meals (hot dog, chips, cookie, and fresh fruit salad) will be available for children 12 years old and younger for \$10.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting St. John's Lutheran Church Office at 217.793.3933 **no later than Saturday, October 1. Tickets must be purchased in advance** as there are NO ticket sales at the event or admittance to the event without a ticket for each person.

We hope you can join us at this event on **Saturday, October 8 from 5:30-8:30 pm!!**