

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Special Visitor – Shem, Son of Noah*

*Call to Worship – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807 (piano)*

- 1. Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’m come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
- 3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand’ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

*\*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.*

*Children's Sermon: "God's Covenant and Noah"*

*First Reading:* Genesis 6:11-14, 17-19, 22; 8:6-12; 9:8-15      Reader: Kelly Hartz

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

<sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

<sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>17</sup>For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy

from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark,

you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then

he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ <sup>12</sup>God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

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

*\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:24-27*

<sup>24</sup>A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him up, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’ <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?’

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

*Song— “Jesus Loves Me” ELW 595*

*(piano)*

**1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

2 **Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain**

3 **Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Refrain**

*Sermon* – “Colors of the Covenant – Red is for Renewal”

*Song of the Day* – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” ELW 756 (organ)

- 1 **Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 2 **O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 3 **O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 4 **O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

*\*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.**

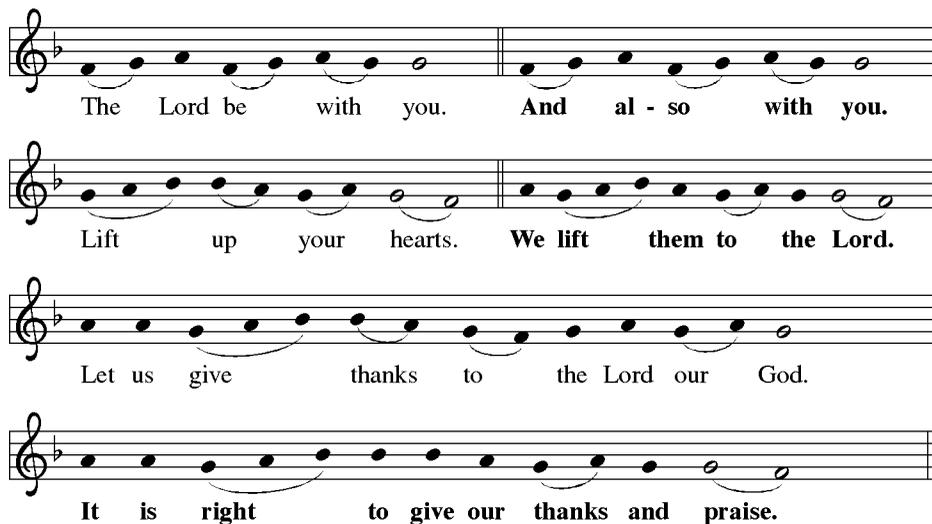
*\*Prayers*

*Stewardship Time*

“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands,” arr. Jane Holstein

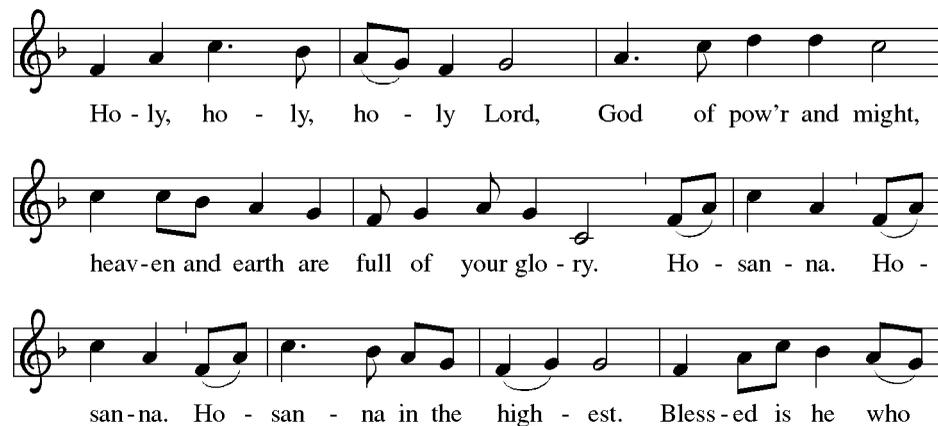
*Faith Singers*

*\*Great Thanksgiving*



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:*

“Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574 (piano)

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**

3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**

“Abide with Me” ELW 629

(organ)

1. **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**
2. **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**
3. **I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**
4. **I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**
5. **Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

*\*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* – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ELW 543 (organ)

- 1     **“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**
  
- 2     **“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**
  
- 3     **“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*



## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker  
Greeter: Laura Sweatman  
Reader: Kelly Hartz  
Usher: John Williams  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Pianist: Susan Roegge  
Organist: Sandi Watts  
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Mike Oldenettel  
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 Oldenettel family  
in celebration of Kellon's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 13

### *Song Credits*

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## News Updates

**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, and to Donate Flowers. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 11, 10:30am: Sunday School Rally Day  
5:30-9pm: Confirmation/Youth Event

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

Wednesday, September 14, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, September 15, 6pm: Church Council Meeting  
6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal  
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 18, 10:30am: Sunday School

Monday, September 19, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, September 21, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10am: Discipleship Group in the Library  
6pm: Women's Fellowship Night Supper Out

Thursday, September 22, 6pm: Young Adult Group Taco Night at Bahan's  
+ Kids' Movie Night  
6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal  
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

## Rally Day... Bake Sale... Sunday School... and Confirmation

Today we will kick off Sunday School with a Rally Day bake sale sponsored by our children. Proceeds will go to support our Sunday School programs. After the bake sale, elementary school aged children will meet in the sanctuary for some music, then head to two classes for pre-K and grades 1-4. Youth are invited to their class in the basement with Drew Snodgrass. Adults are invited to participate with Pastor Adam in "Dwelling in the Word" in the sanctuary after the children's songs (or earlier if you want to sing along!). This evening, we will have our first Confirmation class of the season beginning at 5:30 with a meal.

## 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](mailto: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*

## **Doorbell Dinners September 12-16**

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

## **Get Ready for Soup Luncheon 2.0 - Carry-Out Style – Sunday, October 9**

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 today (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 8:00am.

A “Worker” sign-up is also 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.

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!

## **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.

## **Outdoor Worship and Picnic**

A summer staple for our Faith Family has been our outdoor worship service. The fresh air, breeze blowing through the trees, and barking dogs provide a beautiful sanctuary. When faced with the decision for our summer worship schedule, the Parish Worship Committee and Council agreed that we value one Sunday morning service where we can nurture relationships together... but we still want to worship outside! There will be one more Sunday morning service outside on **September 25**. To better accommodate all, there will be seating and communion stations on the grass, on the parking lot, and indoors (with worship visible through windows), as well as being live streamed. Following the service, we are providing a cookout picnic and time for games and activities for all. Our hope is that this will not only be a time of vibrant worship and blessing to our Faith Family, but also to others, so please invite a friend and join us for these wonderful times together!

**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.

### **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](http://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.

### **Eastern Europe Crisis Response**

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea, and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Hundreds of thousands of civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine’s western districts and neighboring countries. 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 designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation**, or pick up a form in the gathering area (by the coffee sales) to send your gift to the ELCA/Lutheran Disaster Response.