

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Ministry is a gift.

**C: It is a gift that calls out every bit of our being – heart, mind, soul, and strength.**

P: Ministry is a gift.

**C: It is God's gift to us, invited to join with all the church as we are one in God's mission.**

P: Ministry is a gift.

**C: It is our gift to God as we offer our gifts and passions in service as disciples of Jesus.**

P: As partners in ministry, we are blessed to be a blessing. We are blessed by the opportunities to serve and the ways it enriches our lives. We are a blessing to others as we share God's love and invite them into new life in Christ. These blessings are gifts through God's grace, yet God works through us, saints and sinners. Our worship today is a confession and claiming. We confess the times that we have neglected this work, overlooking the needs and opportunities to speak and act. And we claim our calling, that through the waters of Holy Baptism, we have been gifted and called for lives in ministry. Let us join in prayer as we commit ourselves to this partnership of ministry:

P: God of compassion...

**C: Through your son, Jesus Christ, you are all in. You gave everything so that your children would know you and your love. Help us to be all in. Help us to love you**

with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send your Spirit into us now to give us the courage to drop our nets and follow you, to each take one step, and to be bold as we serve as partners in ministry. Amen.

*Gathering Song – Holy God, We Praise Your Name” ELW 414 (organ)*

- 1 **Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.**
- 2 **Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"**
- 3 **Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.**
- 4 **Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

*Children's Sermon – The Hokey Pokey*

*Hymn of Praise – “My Life Is In You, Lord” (piano)*

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,  
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.  
My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,  
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life. I will praise you with all of my strength,  
with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,  
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.  
My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,  
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you, in you.**

## WORD

*Reading:* Matthew 4:18-21

Reader: Angela Spray

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

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

*\*Gospel Reading:* Luke 10:25-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>26</sup>He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ <sup>27</sup>He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

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

*Sermon:* "We are All In"

*Song of the Day* – “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” ELW 817 (piano)

1 **You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.**

*Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.*

- 2 **You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain***
- 3 **You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***
- 4 **You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *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*

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

*—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are gifts of God's grace to claim and sustain us in our lives as disciples of Jesus. Baptism proclaims our identity, that we are beloved children of God, called to love God and our neighbors. Holy Communion reconnects us to the Body of Christ and nurtures our lives of faith with forgiveness and life.

**C: We give thanks to God as we receive this gift of grace anew today.**

### *\*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 Songs*

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW 815 (*organ*)

- 1 **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

- 2 **I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain**
- 3 **I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
Refrain**

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" (ACS 966) (*piano*)

- 1 **Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.**

*Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

- 2 **Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
Refrain**
- 3 **Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" Refrain**
- 4 **By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.  
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*

# SENDING

## *\*Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to 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 to the World” (ACS 991)*

*(organ)*

- 1     **Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
  
- 2     **Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
  
- 3     **Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
  
- 4     **"Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin  
Greeter: Hallie Mayner  
Reader: Angela Spray  
Usher: Hallie Mayner  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Pianist: Jean Welch  
Organist: Sandi Watts  
Drummer: John Demien  
Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Kelly Street  
Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe  
Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker



### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street	

### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

The altar plants are donated today  
by the Kuster family in celebration of Kelsey Kuster's birthday on September 11

### What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 10, 9:30am: Worship  
10:45am: Sunday School + Total Ministry Discussion

#### **Doorbell Dinners, September 11-15, 11:00 am**

Wednesday, September 13, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10am: Total Ministry Session  
6pm: Total Ministry Session

Thursday, September 14, 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal



Sunday, September 17, 9:30am: Worship  
10:45am: Sunday School, Bell Rehearsal, Total Ministry Discussion

Wednesday, September 20, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library  
6pm: Women of Faith at Los Rancheros

Thursday, September 21, 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal  
6pm: Church Council Meeting

## News Updates

### **Sunday School returns – Today!**

Calling all kids! Come and join us for Sunday School starting today. After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We will have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

### **Deeper Discussions – Total Ministry**

Come join us as we go deeper and learn more about the exciting wave of Total Ministry that is washing over our congregation. **After worship on Sundays, September 10, 17, and 24**, members of our steering team will be leading presentations in the sanctuary. You will learn more about the rationale and planning of the last two years that have gotten us to where we are today, as well as information on how this will call each of us to get involved as we follow God's gifting and call in our lives. We will also be hosting these discussions on **Wednesday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. with muffins and coffee and at 6:00 p.m. with desserts**. If there is interest, we will offer these on more Wednesdays as well. All are welcome and encouraged to attend one of these discussions. For the Sundays, just grab a snack and drink after worship and head back into the sanctuary. For the Wednesdays, please sign up to let us know you are coming (on the counter by the Coffee Sales.)

### **Choir Rehearsals to Begin!!!**

As we look back over 75 years of our church's history, we can see the importance that music has played in this church in many forms. We have seen changes in the style of music we sing and the instruments we use .... all to the glory of God. I would encourage all of you to consider the musical talents you have and join us as we continue to celebrate the Word of God through music.

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals are on **Thursdays**. We begin at 5:30pm for 45 minutes in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in singing, we need you! We sing once or twice a month during church.

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**Exaltation Ringers** will have rehearsals the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month after service at 10:45am in the sanctuary. These will actually begin next Sunday, and then we'll be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday schedule. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir**

Faith Lutheran's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is November 12<sup>th</sup>. Music has played an important part in the life of this congregation through the years. In celebration of this event, we would like to invite you to sing with the Chancel Choir that day. This is an invitation to those who may be coming back to visit also.

**A rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the sanctuary.** Please contact Jean Welch at 217.652.7009 (text) or email jrwelch53@msn.com, and she can set you up with the music and a recording prior to the rehearsal.

### **Discipleship Group**

It's time to put the "attitude" in the Beatitudes! Join us at **10am on Wednesday, September 20**, in the Faith Library to find out more about the way Jesus wants us to live our lives. Bring your favorite Bible with you or borrow one from the Faith library. Most importantly, bring yourself! For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at [khartz@sompo-intl.com](mailto:khartz@sompo-intl.com).

### **Women of Faith Fellowship Night**

The Women of Faith fellowship group is meeting for dinner on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at Los Rancheros. We'd love for you to join us! Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Soup Luncheon - Carry-Out Style**

Our Carry-Out Soup Luncheon was a success last year, and we will be offering that style again! Carry-out soups and desserts will be available on **Sunday, October 8, from 10:30am - 1:00pm**. We could use your help!

**Signup sheets** are available for a variety of ways you can volunteer from providing soups/desserts to helping in the building. Please sign up on the Coffee Sales counter next to the coat closet.

**Tickets** are available for you to purchase or sell to your family and friends.

**Posters** are available for you to take around town to help us advertise.

Let's work together to serve our community and share some delicious Lutheran Love! (Please bring in any cardboard trays or small boxes for us to use.)

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Join this exciting new ministry team! Sharon Zuiderveld and her sister, Mary Ellen Peterson, are looking for crocheters and knitters (or those who want to learn) to help make prayer shawls. The shawls will then be given to friends as reminders that they are covered by our prayers and the love and grace of God. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl ministry may contact Sharon Zuiderveld. Beginners (and lefties) are welcome. Please let her know what day and time are best for you.

Her email is: [sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com) and her cell is: 217-883-1258

## **Installation of our New Bishop**

You are invited to attend the Rev. Greg Busboom's installation as Bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the ELCA. The worship service will be held **Saturday, September 23, at 11:00am at St. Agnes Catholic Church**, 245 N. Amos Ave., Springfield. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at the service. A reception will follow the service at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., Springfield. Rostered ministers are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red. In order to help the planning team prepare communion elements, bulletins, and seating arrangements, you are requested to RSVP at [CSIS-ELCA.org/rsvp](http://CSIS-ELCA.org/rsvp).

## **The Giving Boutique Is Coming**

This fall Kathy Trenter and Karen Dean are planning a new project in anticipation of the giving season. This Giving Boutique will take place following worship on **Sunday, October 29**. It will feature handmade/designed crafts for decoration or gift giving. We already plan wreaths, trees, book stacks, shelf sitters, nativity stones, and tier trays.

The Giving Boutique comes with a twist! The emphasis will be on the Giving! The "purchase" of any item will actually be a donation to the group of YOUR choice: HUGS, Faith Lutheran Youth Group, Jacksonville Food Center, "Share the Light" Ministry, or Lutheran World Relief. You will receive a gift card to present to a special recipient that a gift has been made in their honor. You may then keep the item for yourself, share it with that recipient, or even give it to another. The Giving goes on!!

If you would like to participate, we would love to include your crafts in the event. Please sign up on the list on the Coffee Sales counter. Not all that crafty?? No worries. The most important participants will be all those who take advantage of this event to remember special friends and family members in this creative way. More information will follow, but start crafting now to be part of the Giving!

## **Western IL FCA – 2023 Fall Fundraising Banquet in Jacksonville**

Over the past seven years, God has done exciting things through Western Illinois FCA...impacting the lives of coaches, athletes, and others in our community. We are continually looking for opportunities to expand Fellowship of Christian Athletes and take the love of Christ to more of our local schools!

Date – **Saturday, November 11, 2023** @ Hamiltons

Format – Our event will begin at 4:30pm with remarks from local athletes and coaches, words of encouragement from St. Louis Cardinal, Tommy Edman, and a wonderful dinner. Guests must make reservations through a table host or through [www.WesternILFCA.org](http://www.WesternILFCA.org). There is no cost to attend, but we will receive an offering to support the ministry of Western IL FCA. Seating is limited.

### **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!*

### **Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea**

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange (on the counter outside of the coat closet). Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display. Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

### **Contribution Envelopes for 2023**

are available in the office. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please mention this to Barb Davenport, Pam Devlin, or Kris Roth. We will happily provide you with a box. If you would like to register for our easy, **automatic online giving service**, contact the church office.