

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Chancel Choir – “Great Is Your Name Lord,” arr. Matthews

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 make us one. You give us a mission and call us to live it out with the gifts you have given us and as the children of God you

have made us to be. Give us courage to love and live in the unity we have in you as we go all in and live your mission together. Amen.

Gathering Song – “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (piano)

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those,

Who gladly trust you now. Refrain

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise – “Baptized in Water” ELW 456 (organ)

- 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 3 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

WORD

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-20

Reader: Liddy Stark

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another

prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Luke 10:1-2

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

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

Song: “Take My Lift that I May Be” ELW 583, vv. 1 & 3 *(piano)*

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**1. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain**

Sermon: "We are Gifted for Ministry!"

Song of the Day – “God’s Work, Our Hands” (ACS 1000)

(organ)

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**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

Soup Carry Out Invitation

Sandi Watts, organ

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 Love to Tell the Story” ELW 661 (organ)

- 1 **I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

- 2 **I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. Refrain**

- 3 **I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

"Make Me an Instrument" *(piano)*

*Refrain: Make me an instrument of your love; let me be a channel from above;
Make me an instrument of your love, an instrument of your love.*

1. **When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh, let me be there.
When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there. *Refrain***
2. **When someone is hungry, when someone is cold,
let me be there, oh, let me be there.
When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there. *Refrain***
3. **If someone should wonder, is God still alive, let me be there, oh, let me be there.
If someone should wonder, does God really care, let me be there. *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 – “Carry the Light”* *(piano)*

1. **In this world of darkness we are given light,
Hope for all the dying. How will they know?
How will they know ... that Jesus loves them, And He died to save them?**

*Refrain: Carry the Light, carry the Light.
Go and tell the children they are precious in His sight.
Carry the Light, carry the Light. Go and preach the gospel 'til there is no more night.
In the name of Jesus Christ, carry the Light;
(2nd time) the Light. Carry the Light.*

**2. Count them by the millions, blinded slaves to sin.
Inside they are dying. How will they know?
How will they know ... that Jesus loves them, And His heart is breaking? Refrain**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: Liddy Stark

Usher: Barb Davenport

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Monica Proefrock

Chancel Committee: Kim Heise

Coffee Host: Terri Kimler



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 Roth family in celebration of Laura’s birthday on September 27
and
by the Kuster family in celebration of Ryan’s birthday on September 29

What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 24, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: Sunday School, Bell Rehearsal, & Plant Exchange

Friends from Faith Greeting Cards in the Gathering Area

Wednesday, September 27, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, September 28, 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 1, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, October 4, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group
5:15pm: Worship Team

Thursday, October 5, 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal

Song Credits

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“Carry the Light” by Frank D. Janzow, 1982. CCLI#973583

News Updates

Sunday School

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We 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.

Fall Plant Exchange – Today!

Fall is a great time to plant perennials and divide those house plants that have grown out of their pots. The zinnia and marigold seeds are drying, and the flowering vine seeds are ready to harvest. Please take a look at the plants that people have brought to exchange!

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 today**, 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. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these discussions. Just grab a snack and drink after worship and head back into the sanctuary.

Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style – Sunday, October 8 – Sign Ups Available

Our Carry-Out Soup Luncheon was a success last year, and we will be offering that style again! Carry-Out Soups (cold), Desserts, cornbread, and crackers will be available on **Sunday, October 8, from 10:30am - 1:00pm**. We could use 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 7** 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 around town 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.

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.)**

Choir Rehearsals have Begun!!!

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.

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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.

Exaltation Ringer rehearsals are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month after service at 10:45am in the sanctuary. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

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!

Mark Your Calendar:

Faith Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary Celebration on November 12!

75th Anniversary Choir

Faith Lutheran's 75th Anniversary Celebration is November 12th. 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 11th 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.

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 and her cell is: 217-883-1258

Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches Fall Collection

The JACC is collecting items to help at-risk youth in our area. Donated items will be delivered to Midwest Youth Services, who serve at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth. This program serves youth ages 14-24 who may be struggling to pay rent, searching for independence, pregnant or parenting, living with friends, living with relatives, couch surfing, living in a shelter, homeless, or at risk of being homeless. Needed items include:

Small bottles of dish soap	All-purpose cleaner	Paper towels
Hand soap	Disinfectant spray or wipes	Rubber gloves
Windex	Sponges	Small bottles of toilet bowl cleaner

Please place your items in the blue box by the Mission & Ministry Center **through October 29**.

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. 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!*