

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Marilyn Dichsen & Terri Kimler –*

"They'll Know We Are Christians," words and music by Peter Scholtes

## 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: *(Jeremiah 17:7-8)* <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

**C: <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

P: Our family tree of faith is filled with men and women who live by faith and make mistakes. When we stumble, we are in good company. Yet, we are also surrounded by a company of saints, redeemed by the mercy of God. Let us confess our sin and put our trust in this mercy.

*Silence*

**C: Forgiving God, we confess that our actions do not always reflect your goodness. Like Abraham, we question your promise. Like Jacob, we take what is not ours. Like Moses, we fear that we are not enough. In your love and compassion, prune our faults and failures and keep us connected to you.**

P: God has heard your confession and forgives your sin. Jesus is living water for you and all. May the Holy Spirit dwell in you richly that you bear the fruit of love for God and one another.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Song – “Beneath the Tree of Life”

(piano)

*Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life –  
Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.*

**Rooted in the rich earth of your Gospel,  
May we bear the fruits your Word has planted deep within our hearts. *Refrain***

*Children’s Sermon*

Hymn of Praise – “This Is My Father’s World” ELW 824

(organ)

- 1 **This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 **This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**
- 3 **This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!**

## WORD

*Reading:* Genesis 2:4b-25

Reader: Barb Davenport

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed

man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup>and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.’

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

*\*Gospel Reading: Mark 4:2-9*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup>He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:  
<sup>3</sup>‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’ <sup>9</sup>And he said, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

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

Song: “Before the Waters Nourished Earth” (*ACS 1049*) *(organ)*

- 1 Before the waters nourished earth or night imagined morning,  
a Love conceived the universe and reveled in its forming.**
- 2 This Love remained as time revealed the loss of Eden's glory  
and, grieving, holds in memory each tragic human story.**
- 3 Despair, so deep it bears no name, or sorrows paralyzing  
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim to dwell within our dying.**
- 4 The Love that called creation good all goodness still is bringing.  
This Love turns death again to life and silence into singing.**

*Sermon: "A Family Tree of Faith: Roots"*

*Song of the Day – “God, Whose Almighty Word”* ELW 673 *(piano)*

- 1 God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

- 2 **Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.**
- 3 **Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**
- 4 **Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light.**

*\*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:*                      Mission Moment – Prayer Shawls  
*Sharon Zuiderveld*

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–*

*\*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*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733 (organ)

- 1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***
- 3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW 469 (*piano*)

1. **By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

*Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,  
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.*

2. **In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain***
3. **Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: *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 – “Your Grace Is Enough”

(piano)

1. **Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob;  
you wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.**

**You lead me by still waters into mercy where nothing can keep us apart.**

*Refrain: So remember your people, remember your children,  
remember your promise, O God.*

*For your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough,  
your grace is enough for me.*

2. **Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of heaven’s vict’ry, and all your people sing along.**

*Refrain twice*

*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Liddy Stark

Greeter: Pam Devlin

Reader: Barb Davenport

Usher: Hallie Mayner

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Mike Oldenettel & Monica Proefrock

Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe

Coffee Hosts: Hallie Mayner & Liddy Stark

Singers:

Benen Dichsen

Rigby Dichsen

Adam Krohe

Carol VanderKloot

Louis Dichsen

Kelly Hartz

Kris Roth

Marilyn Dichsen

Terri Kimler

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Church Council Members:

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

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 1, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, October 4, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

5:15pm: Worship Team

Saturday, October 7, 8:00am Cooking for 9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 8, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, October 11, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

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## News Updates

### **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). *(continued on next page)*

**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. **Look for the ticket seller at the sign-up counter.**

**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.)**

### **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.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Faith Lutheran Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on November 12!**

### **Music Rehearsals!!!**

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:** a rehearsal will be held on Thursday, October 19, and we will sing on Sunday, October 22 We begin at 5:30pm for 45 minutes in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in singing, we need you!

**Exaltation Ringer** rehearsals are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month after service at 10:45am in the sanctuary (but not on October 8). 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](mailto: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](mailto:sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com) and her cell is: 217-883-1258

## **Women of Faith Fellowship Night**

In October we're doing a Gal's Game & Pizza Night! Join us in the Great Room on **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** for some friendly competition and yummy pizza. Bring your favorite board or card game and we'll choose ones that evening to play. Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> so we can provide enough food.

## **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!! *(continued on back page)*

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!

### **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](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!*