

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

Thank you to Pastor Glen VanderKloot for presiding this morning while Pastor Adam is leading worship in Virginia and Bluff Springs

Greetings and Welcome

The Story – “Joseph the Dreamer”

GATHERING

**Call to Worship*

P: God of wonder and love, God of dreams and visions, God of hope and forgiveness, we are here.

C: We come. We dream. We hope. We worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you offer us unconditional love and give us a spiritual family where we belong.

C: No two families are the same, but no matter what size or shape they take, they are loved by you.

P: You promised Abram children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and his descendants continue to this day and for generations to come.

C: You have given us a church family, a place where we belong and people who care for us. You never said it would be easy. You know our peculiarities and passions, but still you invite us to love one another and serve together.

P: O God, forgive us when we, like Joseph’s brothers, are jealous, selfish, rude, and less than you call us to be.

C: O God, forgive us as you have promised and restore us to a full and healthy relationship with you and with our family members.

Silence for confession

P: Dear Family in Christ, through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May we love as God loves, caring for our family and neighbor alike. Amen.

**Gathering Song* – “All Are Welcome” ELW 641, vv. 1, 2, & 5 (organ)

1. **Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. **Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

5. **Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

**Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: God of dreams and hope, you spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. 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

WORD

"The Story of Joseph" – presented by Rigby and Louis Dichsen in RL Studios

Sermon: Joseph: God's Promise through the Pain

Song of the Day – “Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723 *(organ)*

1. **My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**
2. **Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.**

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

3. **From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.**
4. **Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.**
Refrain

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts, organist

–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

“All My Days”

(piano)

**1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! Refrain**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” ELW 597 (organ)

**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**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: We have heard a great story...

C: A story of a boy who became a man, a story of dreams, a story of jealousy, a story of rivalry, and a story of the reassurance of God's promised love. We all have a story, each unique, with good chapters and bad. But, like Joseph, our story is written with God coloring the pages with us.

P: We leave here to continue our stories. May God bring color and life to yours this week. Amen.

**Sending Song – “He Has Clothed Us with His Righteousness” (piano)*

1. He has clothed us with his righteousness, covered us with his great love. He has showered us with mercy, and we delight to know the ... glorious favor, wondrous favor of God.

*Refrain: We rejoice in the grace of God poured upon our lives,
loving kindness has come to us because of Jesus Christ.*

We rejoice in the grace of God, our hearts overflow.

What a joy to know the grace of God.

2. He's brought us into his family, made us heirs with his own Son. All good things he freely gives us, and we cannot conceive what ... God's preparing, God's preparing for us. Refrain

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Portions of today's liturgy come from “Spill the Beans: worship and learning resources for all ages” and Luther Seminary's Narrative Lectionary worship resources.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Hallie Mayner
Greeter: Hallie Mayner
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Drummer: John Demien
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen
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Coffee Host: Martha Krohe



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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 22, 9:30am: Worship
10:30am: Youth Sunday School
Wednesday, September 25, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
Thursday, September 26, 5:30pm: First Communion

Sunday, September 29, 9:30am: Worship
10:30am: Youth Sunday School
4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp
5:30pm: Faith Inkubators

Wednesday, October 2, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
5:30pm: First Communion class

Saturday, October 5, 8:00am: Cook for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

News Updates

Tasha Layton Concert -- Today

Faith Lutheran is joining forces with other community churches to host a Christian concert on the square on September 22 with one of today's top female Christian artists, Tasha Layton. The **Opening Act is at 4:30pm; Tasha Takes the Stage at 6:15pm.** It is a free concert and an outreach to the entire community. Grab a lawn chair and some friends and join us for this wonderful community concert!

Men's Prayer Group

Help us grow our group! You can meet in person at Faith on **Wednesday mornings at 7:00**, or on zoom. Contact one of the guys to let them know you are coming: Kevin Krohe or Larry Kuster.

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 13, 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: we'll need help to package food on Saturday morning (October 12), then help with the carry out after church on Sunday. Please sign up on the Coffee Sales counter next to the coat closet.

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

Posters are also 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.)

“Faith’s Little Flock”

The new format for Sunday School is going well! Children ages 2-6 are invited to join a volunteer in a classroom during a portion of worship. The children are walked to the Sunday school room after the children’s sermon, and then parents are asked to pick them up for communion. This gives some education and fun for the kids and allows parents the option for more focus in worship. We realize this is a significant change from the past. We value having our children in worship, and they are always welcome. Over the last few years, with so few volunteers, it has become increasingly difficult to staff a nursery and offer Sunday school after worship. This new format is an opportunity to meet some of the needs of both. We are thankful to already have three volunteers who have stepped forward and would like to find a few more. Interested? Please talk to Melissa or Mariah Street.

Bible Boot Camp – our next session is September 29!

In an effort to offer more opportunities for fun and learning with our elementary school aged children, we are offering an exciting new program called “Bible Boot Camp.” We will be meeting in the Great Room on various Sundays from 4:30-5:30pm. Each session kicks off in the Great Room with some active singing, so come ready to jump and move! Next, we will dive into a Bible story, retelling it together and engaging in some activities to bring it to life. Finally, we’ll close with prayer as we bring our praises and desires to God. Then, stick around for supper! Our middle school and high school youth will be meeting later that evening for their Faith Inkubators session and will be joining us for supper from 5:30-6:00. Here are some details to note:

Kids are welcome and encouraged to invite friends!

Parents, you are welcome to stay for the lesson and meal, but are not required to do so.

We would like to have an idea on how many to expect at the session and meal, so please sign up or contact the office by the Friday before if you plan to attend. But don’t let that stop you or a friend from coming!

The remaining dates of our session will be the following Sundays: **September 29, October 13, October 20, November 10, and December 15** for a fun Christmas session.

Please join us for these wonderful opportunities for our kids! If you have questions or would like to get involved in any way, please contact Pastor Adam.

Faith Inkubators – our next session is September 29!

Faith’s Confirmation Ministry is starting up again, but it’s not just for confirmation students! For the last few years some upper elementary and high school students have joined us for some youth time of food, learning, and fellowship. This year we will have

six sessions in all as we take a closer look at the Old Testament. We meet at 5:30pm with a meal (overlapping with our Bible Boot Camp kids), then jump into our session from 6:00-7:30. If you have a middle school or high school student interested in joining us, let them know, and friends are welcome! Our remaining sessions will be on Sundays, **September 29, October 13, October 20, November 10, and December 15** for a fun Christmas session.

Youth Sunday School

Last month, Marilyn Dichsen (high school senior) shared about our youth Sunday school plans. They are looking for volunteers to meet with them after worship on Sunday mornings. Don't worry, no teaching is necessary! Some Sundays we will follow a discussion guide that reflects on the readings and sermon of the day. Some Sundays we will be interviewing guests from our congregation as we get to know them and their faith journey. Some Sundays we want to do service projects, either at church or at someone's home. If you are interested in joining us for any of these on a Sunday morning, please contact our Youth Ministry Team of Adam Krohe, Marilyn Dichsen, and Barb Davenport.

Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention

Please consider attending the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA 2024 Biennial Convention on **Saturday, October 19** at St. John's Lutheran Church (2477 W. Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702), sponsored by the Women of the ELCA (WELCA). Contact Sharon Zuiderveld for more information or if you would like a ride.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts: jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)