

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts*

## GATHERING

*Call to Worship*

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

**C: Amen.**

*Confession*

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Gathering Song – “Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

*(piano)*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.**

**I want to see You, I want to see You.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.**

**I want to see You, I want to see You.**

**To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.**

**Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy. Repeat**

*Coda: As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

**We sing holy, holy, holy.**

**We sing holy, holy, holy.**

**I want to see You. Repeat coda**

**I want to see You.**

*\*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*\*Prayer of the Day*

P: Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come. You are holy, holy, holy and we worship you. We worship you because you are worthy to receive glory, honor, and praise. We worship you, for you created all things and by your will all exists.

**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*

- 1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- 2 O seed of Israel’s chosen race now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
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## WORD

*Reading:* Revelation 4:1-11

*Reader:* John Williams

<sup>1</sup>After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! <sup>3</sup>And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup>and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

“Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.”

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup>“You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

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

*\*Gospel Reading: John 17:1-5*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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

*Song – “He Is Exalted”*

*(piano)*

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

*Sermon*

*Song of the Day – “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” ELW 413 (organ)*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*\*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 of Intercession*

*Stewardship Time*

Stewardship Video  
*Pastor Adam*

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

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*\*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*

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855 (*organ*)**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*\*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: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sending Song – “Majesty”*

*(piano)*

**Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty;  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.**

*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Barb Davenport

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: John Williams

Usher: Pat Glyshaw

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Monica Proefrock

Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw

Coffee Host: *Appeal Team*



## Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street
Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street	

## Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker
			Kelly Street

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## What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 10, 9:30am: Worship  
10:30am: Snacks in the Great Room  
4:00pm: JACC Family Day at Community Park

Friday, August 15, 6:00pm: Esprit de Corps Performance at Faith

Saturday, August 16, 2:00 & 6:00pm: Esprit de Corps Performances at Faith

Sunday, August 17, 9:30am: Worship      **Newsletter Deadline**

Wednesday, August 20, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, August 21, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

## News Updates

### Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

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!*

### Faith’s Little Flock

Faith's Little Flock activities for August include the following: August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will do a Lighthouse craft and talk about how Jesus is the Light of the World. August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will

learn about Nathaniel and discuss gifts and talents God gives us while we color and decorate a treasure box. August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will learn about some of the women in the Bible and construct a spinning wheel depicting 6 women of the Bible. Pam Devlin will have a fun lesson planned for August 31<sup>st</sup>, as Melissa will be gone that Sunday.

Snacks will include apple sections, graham crackers, and veggie chips. We have also started including children's videos that fit with the theme for the day.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Faith's Little Flock, and to the parents for trusting us with your little ones! We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Blessings, *Melissa*

### **Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches Community Day**

Today, the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches (JACC) is hosting a community day at the park from 4:00-6:00pm. There will be free Ferris Wheel rides, hotdogs and drinks, live music, bounce houses, and more. If you would like to help in any way, from planning to serving, to playing music, please let Pastor Adam know. This event is part of the Jacksonville 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a partnership with the Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen.

### **Discipleship Group**

#### **You're Invited: "Kindness in Action"**

Join us for the Discipleship Group meeting at **10:00am on Wednesday, August 20**, in the Faith Library. This month, we'll explore how everyday acts of kindness can reflect the heart of Christ. Let's grow together in compassion, connection, and purpose.

### **Music at Faith**

As always, we would love to have more people involved in the music ministry at Faith. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at our worship services – all are welcome! [jrwelch53@msn.com](mailto:jrwelch53@msn.com) or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

### **First Sunday Summer Worship Schedule**

Our first, first-Sunday worship was a joy as we enjoyed the beauty of God's creation outdoors with a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and the comforts of air-conditioning with a full traditional service at 11:00 a.m. Not only are these services set in different sanctuaries, but the style of worship is distinctly different. The outdoor contemporary service is more casual with a less scripted liturgy. The music selection includes some of our familiar contemporary songs, as well as those you may hear on the radio. The indoor traditional service is more formal with a sung liturgy from the familiar Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal). The music selection includes familiar hymns led on the organ. Our final first-Sunday summer service will be held on **September 7**.

### **Musical Musings**

Last year, during Pastor Adam's sermon series on "What is a Lutheran," volunteers presented introductions to hymns. They researched about the history and theology, helping us to appreciate the significance of each note and lyric. Sharon Zuiderveld and Naomi Hahn welcome you to join them in offering these musical musings again. Do you have a hymn or song you would recommend? Would you be willing to be a presenter? If so, let them know.

### **Esprit de Corps Free Theater Camp**

Faith is hosting this wonderful theater camp with Esprit de Corps for children going into grades 3-8. They are learning one of Ken Bradbury's plays, "We Can Change the World," with performances on **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Faith and on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and 6:00pm.**

### **Jacksonville Area Community Food Center**

With summer here and kids being out of school, there is need for lunch foods that kids can "cook" easily at home. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet).

### **Doorbell Dinners September 8-12**

Help us deliver meals in the community through our community-wide Doorbell Dinners ministry. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales.