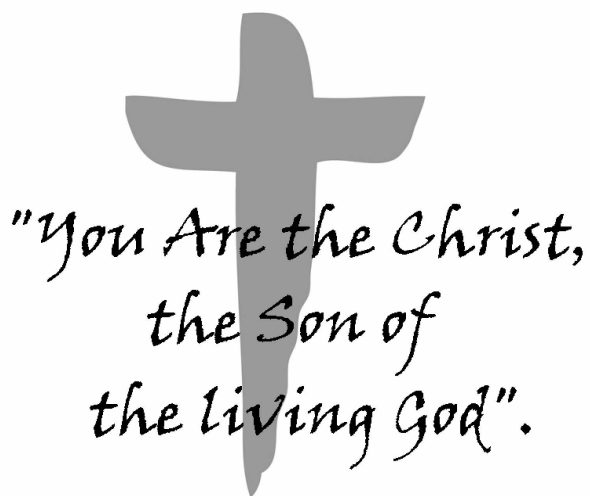


2023

"Gloria In Excelsis Deo"



WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to
hear and join in today's Worship service**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

*"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your 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.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you

(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)

HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me LBW#327

Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Verse 2

Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and Thou alone.

Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Eternal God,

All: And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your
grace that we eagerly and thoroughly study the Holy

Scriptures and seek and find Christ in them, and
through them have eternal life. Help us in this, dearest
God, in Your grace. Amen Martin Luther

LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

The Most Important Question

SONG

Jesus

Verse 1

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

Verse 2

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus. Jesus.

Chorus 1

Who walks on the waters, Who speaks to the sea,
Who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion. He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hands; Jesus.

Verse 3

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages:
He is Jesus, Jesus.

Bridge

Messiah, My Savior, There is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer;
There is power in Your name, In Your name.

Chorus 2

You walk on the waters. You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.

**You roar like a lion. You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands.**

Chorus 3

**God, You walk on the waters. You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion. You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands.**

Ending

**Jesus. There is no one like You
Jesus. There is no one like You**

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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 into hell. 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

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SONG

Nothing But the Blood

Verse 1

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Chorus

**O, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know; Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Verse 2

**For my pardon, this I see;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Verse 3

**Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Verse 4

**This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26 Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

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**Sunday September 24th
Come one! Come all to the church
picnic!**

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Bring a friend too! Dinnerware, drinks, and meat will be provided! We will enjoy the tasty treats and fellowship on the lawn of Faith in Christ Lutheran Church (weather permitting) following worship on Sunday, September 24. It will be a "SON"-sational time!