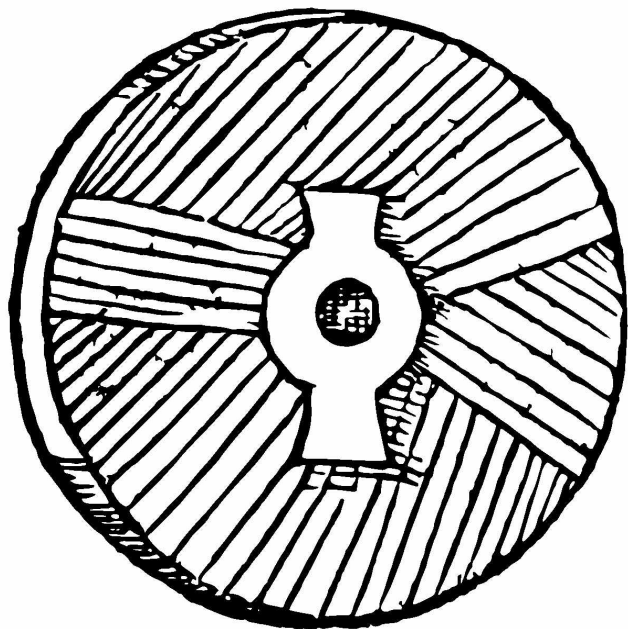


2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP FIFTEENTH 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 Children of the Heavenly Father LBW#474

Verse 1

Children of the heavenly Father,
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 2

God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever,
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He show-eth,
And their sorrows all He know-eth.

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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: O Lord,

All: Our Maker Redeemer and Comforter we are assembled in Thy presence to hear Thy Holy Word. We pray Thee so to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that through

the preaching of Thy word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen. The Lutheran Hymnary, 1913, p. 7.

LESSON

Psalm 32

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-9

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

A Little Child & A Millstone

SONG

Father Welcomes All His Children

Chorus

Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son;
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

Verse 1

Little children come to Me, For My kingdom is of these;
Life and love I have to give; Mercy for your sin.

Verse 2

In the water, in the Word, In His promise be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again.

Verse 3

Let us daily die to sin. Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ, our Lord. Live in the peace of God.

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

Softly and Tenderly

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals, He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Chorus

Come home, come home.
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Verse 2

Why should we tarry When Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger And heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Verse 3

Time is now fleeting; The moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me.
Shadows are gathering; Death-beds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.

Verse 4

O, for the wonderful Love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-12 Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-

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September 3, 2023

Attend: 29

Offering \$4,319.00

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!



Confirmation Sunday Celebration
October 29th

Reformation Sunday we will be a
Confirmation Celebration.
More details to come.