



Faith Lutheran Church

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2016

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pick up your 6-Month offering statement in the narthex.

Next Sunday at 10:30 AM is our “Worship In The Park” at Honenegah Park. It’s an outdoor combined worship service with GPS, Cross & Crown, and Open Arms.

Faith Lutheran is responsible for bringing side dishes; there is no sign-up sheet. Thanks in advance!

There will be a short devotional service at Faith Lutheran at 9:00 am for those not able to go to the park.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence*) Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,**

things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

~ OPENING HYMN ~

“Gather Us In”

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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.**

INTRODUCTION

P: Invited and inviting - that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING PROVERBS 25:6-7

The first reading is from Proverbs, the 25th chapter

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 112 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

P: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

P: Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

C: **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

P: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

P: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

P: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The second reading is from Hebrews, the 13th chapter.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

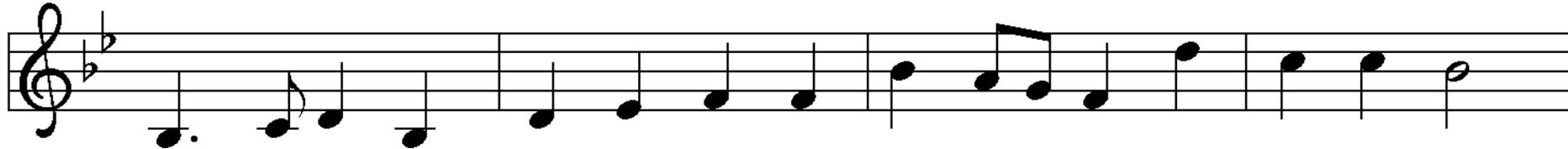
Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke,
the 14th chapter

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

~ SERMON ~

“Entertaining Angels”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are Called”

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

P: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve,
let us pray for the church, the world, and
all in need. *A brief silence.*

O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church's powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We thank you for tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Especially we pray for

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers (*especially*). Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our congregation to be a place of support and care for healthy relationships.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith, *especially ...*

Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous.

Hear us, O God.

C: Amen.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God,
trusting your promise to hear us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

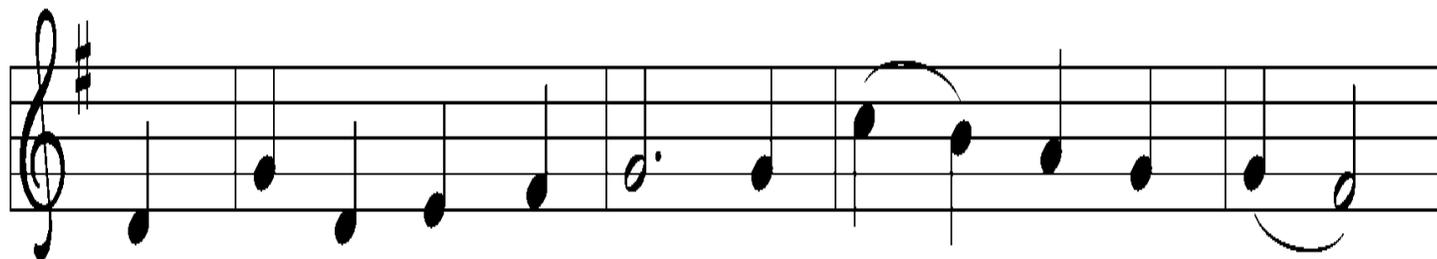
SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

**“Hallowed Be Thy Name”
By Babbie Mason**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,

and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the
Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Choral Benediction”

**May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.**

May the love of God live in us today.

May the love of God live in us today.

**May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.**

May the love of God live in us today.

**May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

**See you next Sunday at 10:30am for
"Worship In The Park" at Hononegah Park
Thanks for bringing a side dish!**



