



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**19th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 2016**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy  
endures forever.

**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**

**“Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

**Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.**

**Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.**

**Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**P:** Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship.

It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold - who comes to us risen from the dead - who can free us from the death grip of greed.

**C: Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# ***Children's Church***

## **FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

A reading from Amos, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 146**  
**~ Responsive Reading ~**

**R:** Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C:** **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I**  
**have my being.**

R: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

R: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

R: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

R: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

A reading from 1st Timothy, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see;

to him be honor and eternal dominion.  
Amen. As for those who in the present age  
are rich, command them not to be  
haughty, or to set their hopes on the  
uncertainty of riches, but rather on God  
who richly provides us with everything for  
our enjoyment.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke,  
the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**~ SERMON ~**

**“Reflections on Our  
Bishop’s Installation and  
our Partnership with the  
Arcot Lutheran Church of India”**

# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”**

**Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.**

**The cup of water giv'n for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion in your face.**

**O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;**

**Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our 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: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.  
*(A brief silence.)*

**P:** We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war (*especially*). We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. Especially we pray for . . .  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet.

Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died (*especially*). Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Into your hands, O God, we commend  
all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
mercy; through your Son, our Lord  
and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

# **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C.** **And also with you.**

**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~**  
***“The River”***  
***By Jordan Feliz***



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; 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:** We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy, you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ.  
Go with us on our way.

Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

**P:** 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. Remember the poor.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



