



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
October 16, 2016**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

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

(A brief silence.)

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.**

# **OPENING HYMN**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,**

**Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

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:** Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table.

Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

**C: Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# ***Children's Church***

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

A reading from Genesis, the 32nd chapter.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, “What is your name?”  
And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man  
said, “You shall no longer be called  
Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven  
with God and with humans, and have  
prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him,  
“Please tell me your name.” But he said,  
“Why is it that you ask my name?”

And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## **PSALM 121 ~ A Responsive Reading ~**

**R:** I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where  
is my help to come?

**C:** **My help comes from the Lord, the  
maker of heaven and earth.**

R: The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

R: The Lord watches over you; the Lord  
is your shade at your right hand;

**C: The sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

R: The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**C: The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

A reading from 2nd Timothy, the 3rd chapter.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom,

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,

and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## **GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' ”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**~ SERMON ~**

**“The Power of Prayerful Persistence”**

# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

**Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.**

# **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:** Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

Protector of all, you guard your people from evil. Help your church to provide sanctuary for all who are in need.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air, that your pure light may shine in the world.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled (especially).

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence.

Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

# **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

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

**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~**

**“Dear Younger Me” by Mercy Me**



# OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen

# **CLOSING HYMN**

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

## ***Refrain***

**Leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus,  
leaning on Jesus,*)**

**safe and secure from all alarms;**

**leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus,  
leaning on Jesus,*)**

**leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day  
to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

## ***Refrain***

**Leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus,  
leaning on Jesus,*)**

**safe and secure from all alarms;**

**leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus,  
leaning on Jesus,*)**

**leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

## ***Refrain***

**Leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus,  
leaning on Jesus,*)**

**safe and secure from all alarms;**

**leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus,  
leaning on Jesus,*)**

**leaning on the everlasting arms.**

# **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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











**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.**