



Faith Lutheran Church

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

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2016**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

(A 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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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: Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith.

God's people -“all who have longed for his appearing”- shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this the assembly glorifies God forever.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

A reading from Jeremiah, the 14th chapter.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and
we are called by your name; do not forsake
us! Thus says the LORD concerning this
people: Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore, the LORD does not accept them,

now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 84:1-7 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD
of hosts!

C: **My soul has a desire and longing for
the courts of the LORD; my heart and
my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

R: Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young, by the side of your
altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and
my God.

**C: Happy are they who dwell in your
house! They will always be praising
you.**

R: Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

C: Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

R: They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in
Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from 2nd Timothy, the 4th chapter.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,

so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

~ SERMON ~

“A Legacy of Humble Service”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.**

**See, on the portals he's waiting & watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,)

come home! (come home!)

You who are weary, come home."

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**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? Refrain**

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,)

come home! (come home!)

You who are weary, come home."

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Oh, 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. Refrain**

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,)

come home! (come home!)

You who are weary, come home."

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

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. (*A brief silence.*) Only you are righteous, O God. Lead your church to true repentance so that we reflect your light and truth to the world. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Only you can bring rain, O God. Be with those who lack clean water or must walk miles to quench their thirst. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Only you can judge the nations, O God. Raise up leaders with humble hearts so that your peace spreads across the earth.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Only you can bring healing, O God. Be with all whose hearts ache, who hold out empty hands, who long for forgiveness. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick (*especially*).
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Only you know the depths of our hearts, O God. Call this congregation to loving action in your name and open our eyes to what you are doing among us.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Those who live in your house are happy, O God. Keep us by your grace until we join the saints around your throne.

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 ~

“Redeemer” by The Crabb Family”

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. Oh 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. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**





