



Faith Lutheran Church

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

September 29, 2019

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
the strength of our ancestors, the host
of this meal, the builder of the city that is
to come.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful. *(A brief silence.)*
God our helper,

C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions.

**Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen
for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.**

**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praises everlasting ring!

**God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.**

**God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious is God's faithfulness!

**Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!**

**Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

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 TO THE DAY

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. (*A brief silence.*)

O God, rich in mercy,

C: **you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

A reading from 1st Timothy, chapter 6.

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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 146

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;

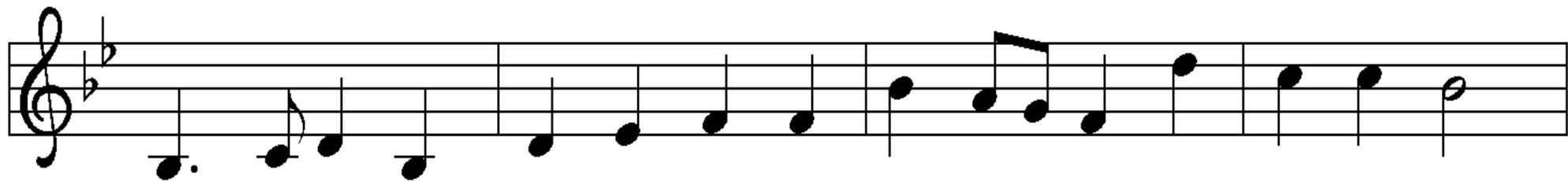
R: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

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

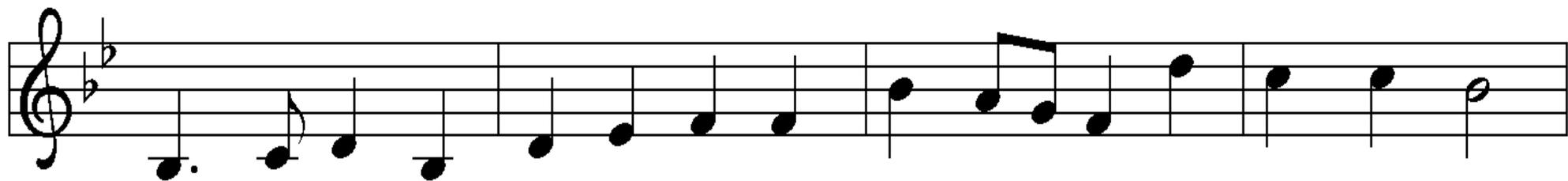
R: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

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

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 16:19-31

P: Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

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

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

Pastor Karl Otto

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

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: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *(A brief silence.)* Watch over the church, O God, so that we place your good news above all worldly gain. Deliver us from the temptations of comfort and complacency. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Watch over your creation, especially the life-giving water that sustains us. Heal oceans, rivers, and lakes around the world. Where drought and floods make turmoil of our settled ways, give strength for healing and rebuilding in affected communities. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Watch over the nations. Lead us away from fear and hatred. Show us instead how to welcome the stranger, give shelter to those fleeing violence, and provide food to those who are impoverished.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Watch over those in any need. Have mercy on those who are grieving, suffering, lost, lonely, oppressed, underemployed, and imprisoned. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Watch over all caregivers. Give strength to those who attend to relatives, serve the sick, minister to prisoners, and bring food or communion to the homebound. May they bring joy to those they visit.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks for the saints and their models of faithful living. Give us hope as we look toward the day when we will join them in your eternal presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Assured by your promise to hear us,
we lay our prayers before your throne of
grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

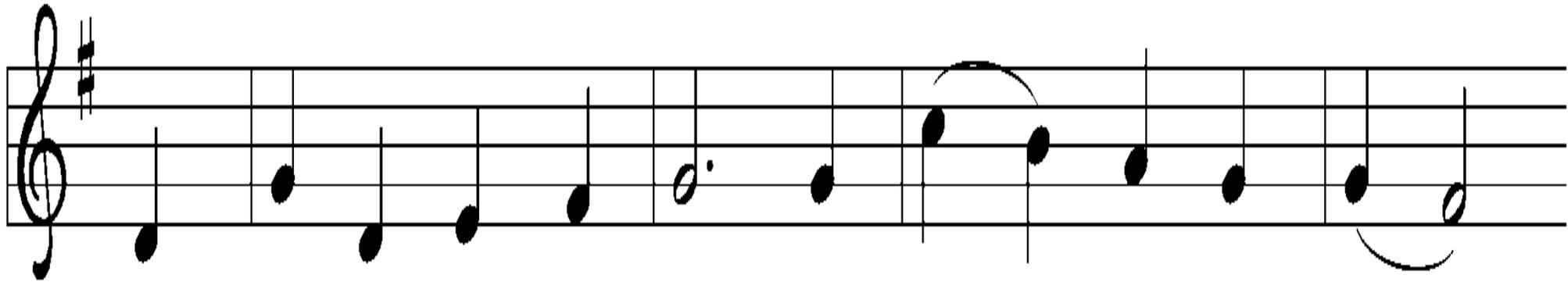
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

***“Alive”* by Big Daddy**

Offertory Response



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: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us 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: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “*Choral Benediction*”

May the light of God shine on us today.

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**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.

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**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. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

