

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 10, 2017**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and
of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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. *(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

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

**O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.**

**We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.**

**For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION

P: Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law.

We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel, the 33rd chapter.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”

Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 119

R: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

R: Lead me in the path of your
commandments, for that is my desire.

**C: Incline my heart to your decrees and
not to unjust gain.**

R: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**C: Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

R: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**C: Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans, the 13th chapter.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”;

and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.


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: Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples: “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



SERMON
“Honorable Living”

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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: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *(A brief silence.)* We pray for the church universal. Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: For your creation. Increase our stewardship of all that you have given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who come after us. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: For peace in the world. End conflicts among nations (*especially*). Help leaders and citizens truly to listen to one another and to act for the good of all. Teach us by your example. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: For all those in need. Bind up our hurts.
Heal divisions in our families, friendships,
and neighborhoods. Comfort those who
need your special care (*especially*).
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: For this congregation. Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us to grow in our love for one another. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: In thanksgiving for all the faithful witnesses who put on the Lord Jesus Christ (*especially*). Keep us faithful until the day we rejoice in your majesty with them. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we
commend all for whom we pray, trusting
the power of Christ and the gifts of
the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~

“Love Won’t Let Me Down”

by Hillsong Young and Free

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gifts may be
All that we have is thine alone, a
trust, oh Lord, from thee.***

***May we thy bounties thus, as
stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us, to
thee our first fruits give.***

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

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.**



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