

**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**August 1, 2021**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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**Opening Hymn**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

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**Invocation, Confession and Absolution**

***LSB 151***

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## DECLARATION OF GRACE

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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ INTROIT +

**Psalm 54: 1-3, 7**

Pastor: Behold, God is my helper

**Cong.: the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

Pastor: He will return the evil to my enemies;

**Cong.: in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

Pastor: O God, save me, by your name,

**Cong.: and vindicate me by your might.**

Pastor: O God, hear my prayer;

**Cong.: give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Pastor: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life.

**Cong.: they do not set God before themselves**

Pastor: For he has delivered me from every trouble,

**Cong.: and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE

*LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE +

*This is the Feast of Victory”*

*LSB 155*

**Refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**Refrain:**

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**Refrain:**

3. Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**Refrain:**

5. For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun His reign. Alleluia!

**Final Refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

**Cong.:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 22: 26-34

<sup>26</sup> “With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; <sup>27</sup> with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. <sup>28</sup> You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. <sup>29</sup> For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. <sup>30</sup> For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. <sup>31</sup> This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. <sup>32</sup> “For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? <sup>33</sup> This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. <sup>34</sup> He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.” This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

I Corinthians 10: 6-13

<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “*The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.*” <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: **Thanks be to God.**

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

LSB 157

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia*

+ HOLY GOSPEL +

Luke 16: 1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Cong.: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> He also said to the disciples, “*There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.*” <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘*What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.*’ <sup>3</sup> And the manager said to himself, ‘*What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.*’ <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘*How much do you owe my master?*’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘*A hundred measures of oil.*’ He said to him, ‘*Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.*’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘*And how much do you owe?*’ He said, ‘*A hundred measures of wheat.*’ He said to him, ‘*Take your bill, and write eighty.*’ <sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “*One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.*” <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN:**      “*What Is the World to Me*”

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**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*LSB 159*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (sung)**

*LSB 162*

**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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen**

**COLLECT**

**P** Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”*

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**Rev. Patrick Poock**

Organist: Bill Vlasak

**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES at FAITH:**

**Sunday, August 1**

8:00 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Pastor’s Bible Study  
10:30 am Divine Service  
Fellowship in the Great Hall  
(immediately following the Divine Service)

**Monday, August 2**

9:15 am Board of Elders  
6:30 pm GriefShare

**Wednesday, August 4**

5:00 pm Divine Service  
6:15 pm Catechism Class

**Thursday, August 5**

10:00 am Sewing for Christ

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

David & Julie DuChane (34 years)  
Joe & Susan Rawlinson (25 years)  
Roland & Jean Roehrs (64 years!)