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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

The Lord calls us away from the paths of sin and death and directs us to the way of life found in His Word. Though the dragon rages against Christ and His Church, our Savior has already conquered by His blood and continues to preserve and nourish His people in the wilderness of this world. Therefore, like the leper who returned to Jesus in faith and thanksgiving, we come before our Lord today to receive His mercy and praise Him for the salvation and irreversible peace He has given us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #757

“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Savior, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us while we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By Your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!

Suff'ring Servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified!
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!

Priestly King, enthroned forever
High in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and to give praise to the triune God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of His glory. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

Cong: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent and lift me high upon a rock.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down.

Cong:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
forevermore. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We thank You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who takes away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the
sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, You alone are the source of life and salvation: keep our hearts firmly upon the path of Your Word, preserve us against the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, and grant us faith to cling to the victory won for us by the blood of the Lamb; that, cleansed from our sins and strengthened by Your grace, we may live in the peace which neither Satan nor death can overturn; 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 LESSON: Proverbs 4:10-23

(EHV) Listen, my son, and accept my words, so that the years of your life will be many. (11) I have instructed you in the way of wisdom. I have led you along straight paths. (12) When you walk, your stride will not be hindered. Even if you run, you will not stumble. (13) Hold on to discipline. Do not let go. Guard it, because it is your life. (14) Do not travel on the path of the wicked. Do not walk in the way of evil people. (15) Avoid it! Do not travel on it! Turn away from it. Pass it by. (16) For they cannot sleep unless they have been doing wrong, and they are robbed of sleep unless they are making someone stumble, (17) because wickedness is the food they eat, and violence is the wine they drink. (18) But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, shining brighter and brighter until it is day. (19) The way of the wicked is like gloomy darkness. They never know where they will stumble. (20) My son, pay attention to my words. Open your ears to what I say. (21) Do not let them escape from your sight. Keep them

deep in your heart, (22) because they are life for those who find them and healing for the entire body. (23) Above all else, guard your heart carefully, because your life flows from it.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

(EHV) On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. (12) When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, (13) they called out loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (14) When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed. (15) One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. (16) He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. (17) Jesus responded, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? (18) Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” (19) Then he said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you.”

REVELATION LESSON: Revelation 12:1-12

(EHV) A great sign appeared in the sky: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. (2) She was pregnant, and she cried out in pain and agony as she gave birth. (3) Another sign also appeared in the sky: There was a huge red dragon that had seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. (4) His tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and threw them to the earth. The dragon stood before the woman, who was about to give birth, so that he could devour the child as soon as it was born. (5) She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. (6) Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God in order that she might be fed there for 1,260

days. (7) There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, (8) but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. (9) The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (10) I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night. (11) They conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony. They did not love their lives in the face of death. (12) For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, for the Devil has gone down to you. He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to

judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I
acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I
look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world
to come. Amen.

HYMN: #371

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great Day,
For who ought to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me--e'en for my soul--was shed. Amen.

THE SERMON: Revelation 12:13-18

(EHV) When the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman, who had given birth to the male child. (14) Two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman so that she might fly to her place in the wilderness, where she is to be fed for a time, and times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent. (15) And the serpent spewed water out of his mouth, like a river, after the woman, in order to carry her away in the flowing water. (16) But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river, which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth. (17) The dragon was angry about what had happened to the woman, and he went away to make war against the rest of her children—those who keep the commandments of God and who hold on to the testimony about Jesus. (18) And he stood on the shore of the sea.

“Irreversible Peace”

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

O little flock, fear not the Foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r.
What tho' your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.

Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Tho' hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.

As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail.
A jest and byword are they grown;
God is with us, we are His own;
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
World without end. Amen.
Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Cong: It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He has overcome the ancient serpent by the shedding of His blood and has established peace between You and sinners which no power of hell can overturn. Though the dragon still makes war against Your Church, You bear Your people as on eagles' wings, preserve them by Your Word, and nourish them in the wilderness with the true body and blood of Your Son. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Cong: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: 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.

Cong: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

Cong:

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, at Faith Lutheran Church we believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His believers' faith, this Sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its nature and purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran Church, or a sister church in the CLC, that you NOT come forward to receive the sacrament.

If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Cong: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: Amen. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCUIT TRIP: Pastor Gantt will be leaving today following the voters' meeting for the AL and GA circuit trip. God willing, he will return home by Tuesday evening.

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: Due to the low participation, we have determined no longer to hold the Wednesday morning Bible Class. We will, in its place, look to start up a Men's group and a women's group once each month beginning in January. Stay tuned for further announcements.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE: Last year, Pastor received several calls requesting assistance with food and other items during the Christmas season. It would be good for us to be able to assist people who are in need at this time of year. Beginning next Sunday, if you have food items you would like to donate, you may leave them on the counter downstairs. This can include canned goods, boxed goods, and freezer goods. Also, we can include a monetary gifts and simple gifts for children if you desire to contribute in that way.

CALL NEWS: Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has received the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Mr. Nick Naumann has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

ANNIVERSARIES: Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 13, 2026. Pastor Neal

Radichel will be the guest speaker. <> Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on September 20, 2026. President Michael Wilke will be the guest speaker. <> Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026. Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will be the guest speaker.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 07 – September 12, 2026

Mon Luke 17:11-19 Jesus miraculously heals ten men afflicted with the dread disease of leprosy. Only one of them, an outsider to the people of Israel, returned to give glory to God. A foreigner too can have faith.

Tues Galatians 5:16-24 Walking according to our sinful flesh produces harmful and destructive works, but walking according to the Spirit, given by God, produces fruits which are sought by many as blessings.

Wed Jeremiah 17:13-14 To forsake the LORD is to forsake the Hope of Israel. This is not a threat, but an observation. It is the LORD who must heal us; it is the LORD who must save us. *Hallelujah!*

Thurs Psalm 66:1-12 God deserves our praise for His glorious power. We see it in His triumph over His enemies. We see it in His ruling over creation. And we see it in His preserving His people thru fire and flood.

Fri Psalm 66:13-20 God's people honor and thank Him with words and deeds, with offerings and utterances, telling what He has done to save our life (v16). He has heard our prayer and shown us mercy.

Sat Psalm 119:105-112 God's words mean life for us and His words mean light for us. They show us the snares which the wicked have set for us. No wonder they are the joy of our hearts right to the end (v111-112).