



## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
10:30am - Contemporary

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*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022  
8:15 AM

LET US HOLD  
FAST THE CONFESSION  
OF OUR HOPE  
WITHOUT WAVERING,  
FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS

*faithful.*

HEBREWS 10:23



## WHY CHURCH?

### AS WE GATHER

It's not about the rules. It's about rhythms and relationships. A close friend isn't close if you haven't spoken with them in several years. Things consistently happen in the lives of those who matter to us -- things that are significant. We can't be a part of either the highs or the lows of those lives -- of church life -- without consistency. We cannot know God's engagement and guidance in our lives without faithful, regular connection and time together in His Word, nourished by His Sacraments, living by His Grace.

### + PREPARATION +

#### 850 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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## INVOCATION

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

**Congregation Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

Pastor Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Congregation Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

**Congregation The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

Pastor Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

**Congregation I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

**Congregation Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Pastor Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**Congregation O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins**

**and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.  
**Congregation Amen.**

Pastor As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

Pastor Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

**Congregation Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**

Pastor Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Your word.

**Congregation I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**

Pastor Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.

**Congregation 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.**

Pastor Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

**KYRIE** *LSB 152*

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant 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.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Congregation Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
**Congregation And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor Let us pray.  
O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Congregation Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Psalm 27:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>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? <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL** *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## **EPISTLE** *Hebrews 10:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to

love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 16:31*

Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 4:16–30*

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

**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”

<sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 688 "COME, FOLLOW ME," THE SAVIOR SPAKE



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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## SERMON

### APOSTLES CREED

**Congregation** 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.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor             In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

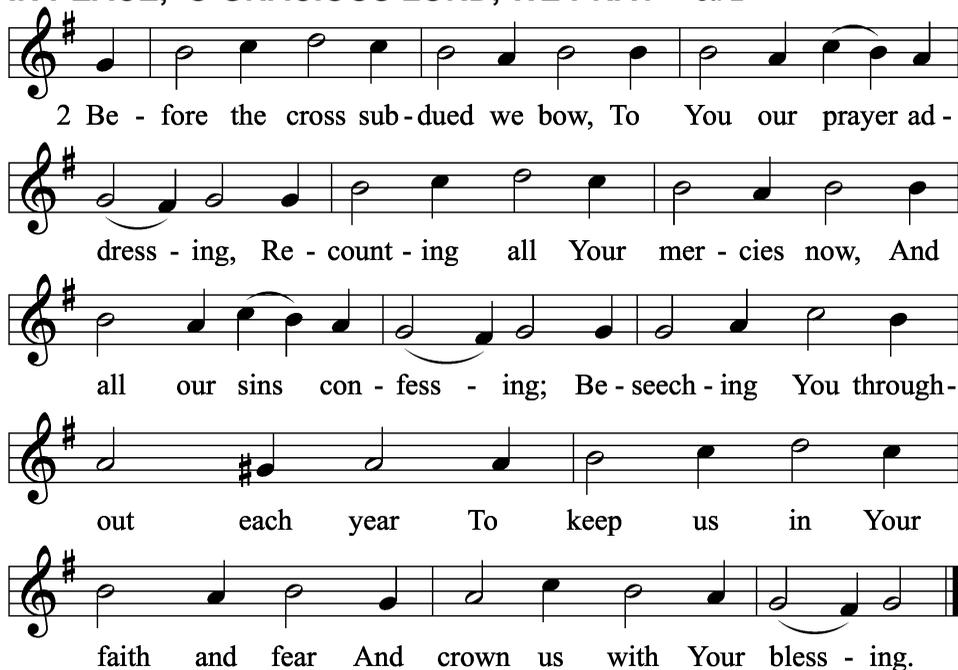
### IN PEACE, O GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAY     *st. 1*

1 In peace, O gra-cious Lord, we pray And make our sup - pli -  
ca - tion. The call to seek You we o - bey— That  
bless - ed in - vi - ta - tion. With con - fi - dence that  
You will hear, Your throne of mer - cy  
we draw near As - sured of af - fir - ma - tion.

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

## IN PEACE, O GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAY *st. 2*



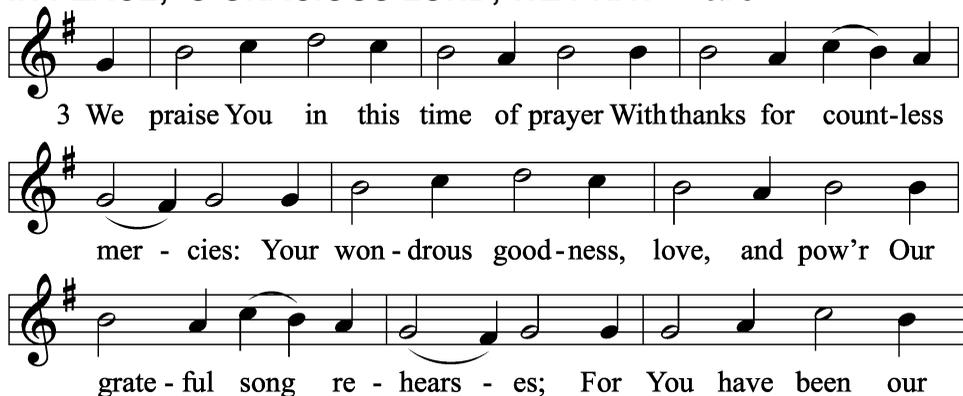
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -  
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And  
all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You through -  
out each year To keep us in Your  
faith and fear And crown us with Your bless - ing.

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Pastor For the blessing of God upon us, that we may lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

## IN PEACE, O GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAY *st. 3*



3 We praise You in this time of prayer With thanks for count - less  
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our  
grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our

strength and stay In man - ya dark and  
drea - ry day Of sor - row and re - vers - es.

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Pastor 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.

**IN PEACE, O GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAY** *st. 4*

4 The needs of oth - ers, Lord, we share In hum - bly voiced pe -  
ti - tions. We bring to You each thought and prayer For  
all needs and con - di - tions. Ac - cord - ing to Your  
gra - cious will, Your prom - ise to re -  
spond ful - fill With lov - ing dis - po - si - tion.

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Pastor With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys  
are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the  
Lord.

## IN PEACE, O GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAY *st. 5*

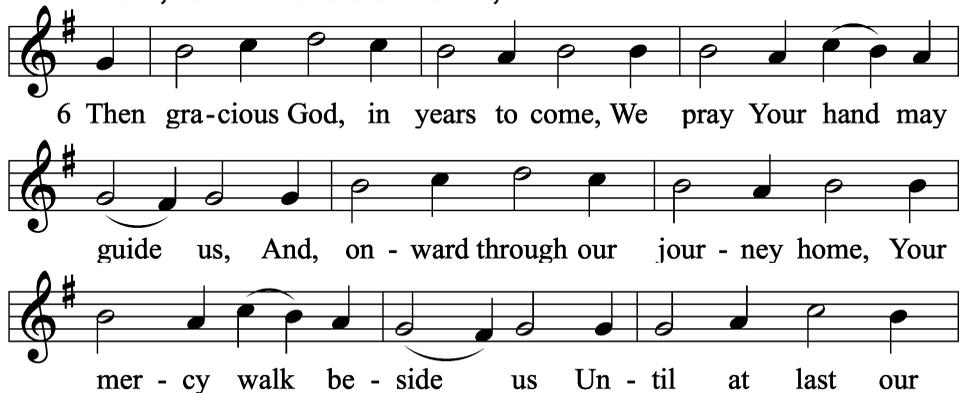


5 We now re-mem-ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your  
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past  
death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,  
as Your own, Bring us with them a -  
round Your throne, The joys of heav - en shar - ing.

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Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

## IN PEACE, O GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAY *st. 6*



6 Then gra-cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may  
guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your  
mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our

ran - somed life Is safe from per - il,  
toil, and strife When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

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Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
Congregation Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.  
Congregation Amen.

## 649 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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