



Welcome

We are glad you have joined us today! Your children are welcome in church. When needed, a nursery is available during the service. Large print bulletins and hearing assist are available from the ushers. LSB refers to the Lutheran Service hymnal in the pew rack.

Hymn

LSB 825 Rise, Shine, You People

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 111:1-5,9; antiphon Psalm 111:10]

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018 – Setting One

We have the comforting promise in defiance of all opposition that what we (as Christians) speak, and do, and suffer is true and comes from the Spirit of truth; and again, whatever is done, said, preached and undertaken against it must be false and full of lies before God, however right it may appear, and whatever claim may be made by it as pure truth, highest holiness; and spirituality—yes, even when the world fights for it with all its might, to maintain it, and most cruelly slanders us and storms against us.

For our gospel and deeds are not founded on us, neither are they for our sakes, but everything is for the sake of this Lord Christ, from whom we have all things and for whose sake we preach and live and suffer. Since, then, all things for his sake, we leave the caring to him who says he will bring all these things to fulfillment and give us the spirit and courage we need; and what he does through his Christians is pure and certain truth.

—Martin Luther, *Sermons on John 14-15*

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are they works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to this people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

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.

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all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

☩ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🕯 **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18:20]

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

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:8-9]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

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

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting IV]

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Hymn of Praise-Gloria *Sung by Ensemble*

[Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...*[silence for individual prayer]* Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Joshua:

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people...

“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

[Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18]

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

Choir—Land of Beulah

The Epistle Reading is from Ephesians:

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

*“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. [Ephesians 5:6-21]

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

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse. [John 6:68]

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:



I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” [John 6:51-69]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit.

Children's Talk

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Laurel Weddle.

Hymn

LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

*Please stand to confess the **Apostles' Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Gathering of the Offering

Ephesians 5:6-7 - "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them." The wrath of God is a real thing and we do well to reflect on this. As the Small Catechism states: God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:

Hymn

LSB 796 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat: this is my † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

[1 Cor 11:26; Rev 22:20]

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven,... Amen.** [Matt 6:9-13]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

The wine is served first by individual cups. The right side of the individual cup tray contains diluted wine. If you desire to commune from the common cup please extend both hands in an open position. The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed.

Hymn—Thy Word

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain
I will not forget Your love me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and bold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end. Refrain [LSB 973]*

LSB 621 Let Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 712 Seek Ye First

When all have communed, please stand.

Faith Lutheran Church, Preschool & Extended Childcare

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The purpose of this congregation shall be to serve its members and community and to spread the Kingdom of God by preaching the Word of God, by the administration of the Sacraments and by the religious instruction of youth and adults, according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church, and to foster Christian fellowship and charity. It shall also be the purpose and the responsibility of this congregation to provide a Christian and parochial education for its children to the best of its ability.

Post Communion Song

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Please refer to the Life@Faith insert for upcoming events.

Benediction

[Numbers 6:24-26]

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. **Amen.**

Hymn

LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

Postlude

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10a Reception for Susan Schindel
10^{45a} Long Range Presentation &
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