



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH +++ ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL  
SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Good morning and welcome to Faith Lutheran Church! We are so glad that you have chosen this place of worship to honor the Lord's Name with us. If you are new to this church, we would like to thank you for worshiping with us and we warmly welcome you into Faith as our brothers and sisters.

Prelude "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Opening Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB #842

Invocation and Confession

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

**C: Amen.**

**Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We recognize our sin and in this moment of silence, we privately remember our shortcomings in love and life.**

*(Silence for reflection.)*

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and us has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth comes power to be the people of God. As a called and ordained servant of God, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Praise be to God for the gift of love to us!**

Hymn of Praise: "My Soul Rejoices" LSB #933

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**All: O God, we thank You for Your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow Your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung):

1. The Word of God is like a lamp which scatters light around  
Revealing truth, rekindling youth, defining holy ground.
2. So let us praise this gracious God who gave the world His Word;  
And let our minds be sealed and signed through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day: "Our Daily Cross Is Near to Grasp"

1. Our daily cross is near to grasp if we have eyes to see it,  
So, Christian, do not turn aside nor fear the pain and flee it.  
The One who died on Golgotha has gone this way before you,  
And when your faith begins to fail, will strengthen and restore you.
2. The cross before you marks the way for all who would be faithful.  
"Come, take it up," Christ calls us still, "and be my true disciple.  
All those who tightly guard the self can never life inherit;  
but those who freely spend themselves shall find My life and share it."
3. So, Christian, walk this pilgrim road, though anxious fears beset you.  
The One who sees and guides your way will not forsake, forget you.  
The cross that seems so heavy now will be the frame that bears you.  
Through pain and death Christ won the life for which He now prepares you.

## Sermon / Message

**Affirmation of Faith (all): I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us. I believe in Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, the Savior of the world. By His life, death, and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts, and empowering us for service. I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the sacraments, and all that we do.**

Offertory: "My Heart is Yours"

Prayers, including: **Dear God, fill us with power of Your Holy Spirit this day. Fill us with Your joy and wisdom, and with constant reminders that Your presence will go with us, and You will give us rest. Thank You that You came to give new life, peace, hope and joy to Your children. Thank You that Your power is made perfect in our weakness. We know that You are with us, and You fight for Your people. We believe that it's not by might, nor by power, but by Your Spirit that You make a difference in our world. We trust You today and recognize Your authority of who You are in our lives. Amen.**

## The Communion

P: We declare ourselves to be Easter people.

**C: We have come to share in the table that He has prepared for us.**

P: He took the bad news of sin and guilt and changed it to good news through His ying and rising for us.

**C: We are here to celebrate that Good News and the presence of Christ with us.**

P: And He took the bread, blessed and broke it. He said to His disciples:

**C: Take, eat; this is my body."**

P: Also, He took a cup of wine. After saying thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

**C: "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me."**

P: We thank You, Lord God, for these elements given in love for us. Accept us, forgive us, and heal us, that we might live lives that are pleasing to You.

**C: Amen.**

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.**

Distribution

Hymns: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB #637

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" LSB #531

Post-Communion Canticle (sung):

1. Now in peace, O Lord, You send me, as You promised long ago.  
Now my eyes have seen salvation; all the world may truly know.  
Even now the dawn is near; Christ, the living light, is here.
2. Now You shine with endless glory for Your people Israel.  
Now the nations hear the story; there is great good news to tell:  
Go in peace and have no fear; Christ, the living light, is here!

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior strengthen and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give You thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of Your Son. By Your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be His body in the world, that more and more we will give You praise and serve Your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

The Benediction

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

1. Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;  
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.
2. Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded,  
whole;  
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.  
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.
3. Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;  
Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.
4. Service be our true vocation; courage be our daily breath;  
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, alleluia; rise, O church, a living FAITH!

Postlude "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

**We remember in our prayers today:**

**In Memoriam: Lora Clark**

**Prayers of Healing: Judy Ehlert, Eva Mullinax, Mary Lou Hoffmeister, Corrine Snow,  
Ronald Rapp, Lance Jacobsen, Michael Herskovitz, Dave Brassine, The Pellicane Family**

**Shut Ins: Judy Artman, Esther Ellertson, Vivian Gosch, Sharon Vick, Irene Johnson,  
Shirley Brown**

**Birthdays: Sue Brice, Joseph Putz, Jonathan Gall, Carole Reese**

**Anniversary: Robert and Lynne Manning**

**+++ TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY +++**

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**Church Website- [www.faithlutheran-ah.org](http://www.faithlutheran-ah.org) is your online resource for Faith Lutheran Church. If you are in need of contact, fill out the contact form on the website. Also listed are the email addresses of the BOD, Treasurer, Music, Office, and Pastor.**

**Prayer Requests- If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer, please pass it along to [rpoppertii@outlook.com](mailto:rpoppertii@outlook.com) to be added to the upcoming bulletin if you choose.**

**VOF (Voice of Faith) Newsletter- The new email for Voice of Faith-office@[faithlutheran-ah.org](mailto:faithlutheran-ah.org) If you have any information that you would like to share with your congregation in our newsletter, please send it along.**

Thank You Pastor Chuck Kittel for serving our congregation in honoring and glorifying our Lord and Savior on this wonderful day.

### **This Weeks Servers:**

**Reader: Judy Otis**

**Greeter: Judy Otis and Gloria Freese**

**Communion Assistants: Buzz Gross and Judy Otis**

**Next Week Reader and Greeters:**

**Reader: Michael Herskovitz**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Flowers Today are given by: Sheila and Eddie Shamo in honor of Zoey.**

**Bible Study: A new study series on Esther starts September 10<sup>th</sup> in the North Room.**

**Fellowship: Today's Flavored Coffee is Campfire S'mores. Also next week is the Tailgate Party Coffee Hour. If you wish bring a Tailgate treat for people to enjoy.**

**Community Supper- In September Rich Poppert will be serving his famous BBQ Pork Dinner. If you are interested in helping see Rich or Joan. The last meal for 2023 will be September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Sock Donation- Joan Henning is looking for sock donations for her Missions project. If you can donate some pairs that would really help a bunch.**

**Lutheran Home Auxillary Fall Sale- Join the Lutheran Home for its Fall Auxillary Sale. From 10am-3pm you can find all kinds of interesting items for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.**

**LWML Mite Boxes- Please continue to support the LWML and the many programs that are supported by the LWML with your mite box donations.**

**Prayer Shawls- Will meet in the North Room on 9/9 at 9am.**