



August 7, 2022

Welcome!

We are glad to have you join us in the worship of Our Lord.
Please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

Mask wearing is optional if you are fully vaccinated.

Today's Altar Servers

Clergy:.....Rev. Peter Kuritz
Greeters/Ushers:..Phil Anderson
Lector:Phil Newlander
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers: Given by Peggy Rapp in honor of her precious family.

Bulletin Sponsor: Peggy Rapp in memory of her late husband, Bob Roesch.

Meetings

AA Meeting – Tuesday and Friday at 12 pm and Thursday at 10 am.

Choir/ Boomwhackers, Bells, Chimes and Sunday School/ Faithful Community Quilters: Begin again in September.

Bible Study: Each Sunday at 7:30 am in the Community Room.

Usher and Lector Volunteers needed, contact Jacquie Halko. Please call (570) 646-3922 or email at jacquie5444@yahoo.com.

Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations: New 2022 Bulletin located in the foyer table entrance of the church. In-house bulletin for \$10 and \$20 towards silk flowers or you may bring your own fresh flowers.

Pastor Kuritz has weekly office hours: hours are posted on the white boards at the back of the church or to contact him, use his private email: pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org

FAITH Fair: Save the date – Saturday, August 13th from 8 to 2! Vender forms are available in the foyer. Help us fill the parking lot. Flea items will be accepted ONLY during the week of the Fair! Thanks.

Michael Lewis – local singer & songwriter, Sunday, August 18, 7 p.m.

Stephen Perillo & NEPA Praise Band – Contemporary Christian band, Sunday, September 18, 3 p.m.

Apple Fest: Fill a basket for our fantastic October 1st event!

Important Dates:

Return filled baskets: Sun., Sept. 25

Wrap & bow baskets: Wed., Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Set up for Applefest: Fri., Sept. 30, 1:30 p.m.

TODAY at 7 p.m.: WHO KNOWS BAND – good time music concert HERE at FAITH. Come and bring your friends!



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDES: Great Is Thy Faithfulness; Let All Things Now Living;
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *"Blessed Assurance"* **WOV 699**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



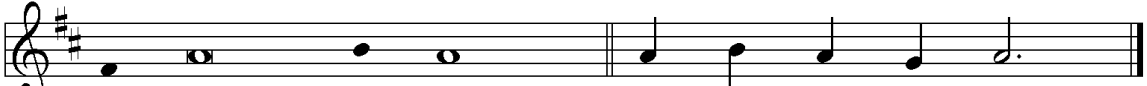
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22 *Let your loving kindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.*

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he

looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”

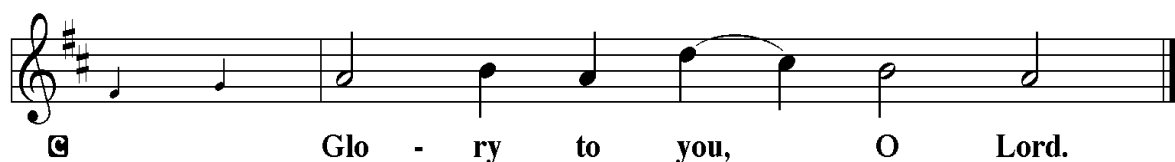
(Please stand as you are able)



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:]³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able after the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“The God of Abraham Praise”

(Verses 1, 2, and 3) **LBW 544**

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**



He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your loving kindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

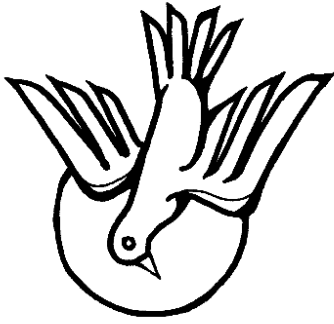
PRAYER LIST

Robert F., Maritza, George, Susan, Jason R., Mike and Brenda G., Erik C, Sabrina, Tracey E., Drew D, Barbara, Sherry K, Adam C. and Family, Megan, Jim, Jeanine, Tom and Valerie M., Daniel, Marge M., Jenn, Lorraine, Rachel, Jeffery H., Mya, and Matthew B.

Let your loving kindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**



THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please share Christ's peace in social and acceptable ways.)
(Please be seated)

OFFERING Music: The Lighthouse, Ronny Hinson

(Please stand as you are able)

We Are an Offering

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

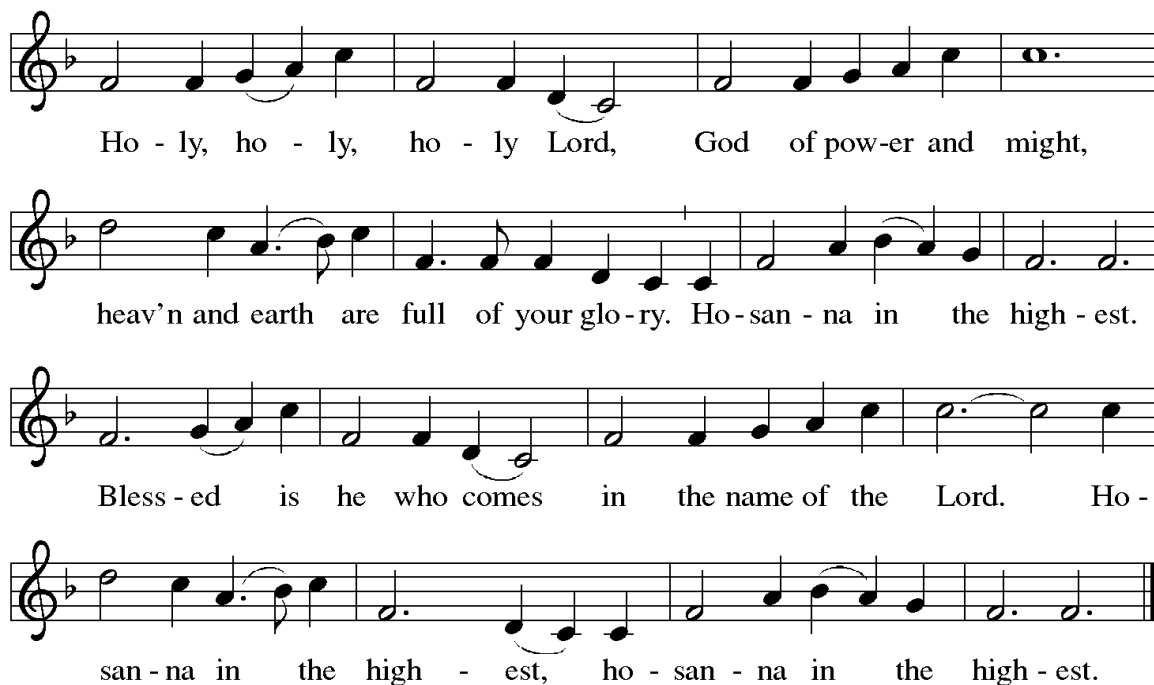
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through 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. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“The body of Christ....Given for you.” “The blood of Christ.... Shed for you.”

(After all have communed—please stand as you are able)

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: “*Beautiful Savior*” **LBW 518**

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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