



**August 21, 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**

Leader: .....Bob and Carol Ray  
Greeters/Ushers...Phil Anderson  
Lector: ..... Peggy Rapp  
Music: ..... Molly Finkbiner

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# *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers:** Given by Barbara and Dave Laughlin, wishing a happy birthday in Heaven to Joan Serviss.

**Meetings:**

**AA Meeting** – Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12 p.m.

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

**Bible Study:** Each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. 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](mailto:pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org)

**Michael Lewis**, local singer and songwriter, Sunday, August 28, 7 p.m.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**, September 18, 2022, immediately following worship service.

**Stephen Perillo & NEPA Praise Band**, contemporary Christian band, Sunday, September 18 at 3 p.m.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to preregister.

**Apple Fest:** Fill a basket for our fantastic October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's Day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

**PRELUDES:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven; Lord of the Dance

### **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:** “*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*” **LBW 250**

### **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



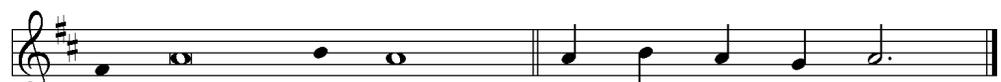
this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry.*

*God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*



<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

**Psalm 103: 1-8** *The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-29** *You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus.*

*Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,<sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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



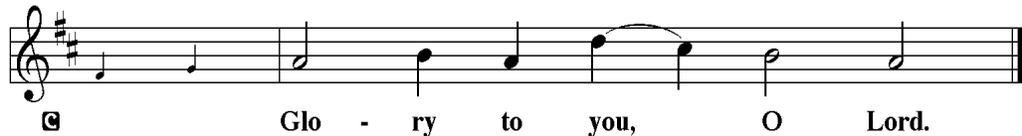
**VERSE / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”** *(Please stand as you are able)*



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 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

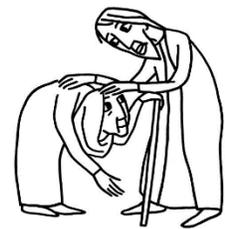


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Luke 13:10-17**

*Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned.*

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*



<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered

him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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:                    “God is Here!”                    WOV 719**

## 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.**

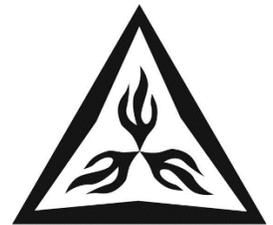
**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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.*

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (*local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named*). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (*congregational leaders may be named*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### ***PRAYER LIST***

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

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. 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.**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:



**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.**

## 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:

***Come and Taste***, Handt Hanson, Paul Murakami  
Played by Molly Finkbiner

*(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.**

## 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:**      *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*      **LBW 543**

## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## Upcoming Commemorations - Wednesday, August 24, 2022

### Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

