

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERVICE NOTE:

Our path for worship over the next few weeks is as follows:

THE BELIEVER HEARS JESUS' WARNINGS...

Pentecost 14

The door to heaven is narrow

Pentecost 15

The first will be last...humble yourselves

Pentecost 16

Count the cost of discipleship

FOR THE CHILDREN:

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located in Rooms 1 and 2.

A Cry-Room is available if your little ones need a moment. It is located near the balcony stairs at the back of the sanctuary. A speaker and window let you see and hear the service.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Changeless Message for a Changing World

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PENTECOST 15

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register in the back of the church.

- **Staffed nursery is available**, down the hall to the left.
- **Cry-room**. If you have need of a cry-room, there is a children's room near the balcony stairs at the back of the sanctuary. A speaker there allows you to hear the service.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available. Speak to an usher.
- **Large print service folders** are available. Speak to an usher.



TODAY'S THEME:

CHRISTIAN HUMILITY

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN: #735, *Speak, O Lord*

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INVOCATION

L(leader): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin,
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

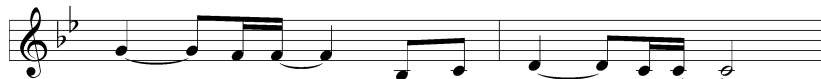
L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as you



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

KYRIE¹

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

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| 1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race. | 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. |
| 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share. | 4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen. |

¹The word Kyrie is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie eleison* which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the Kyrie at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years (that's why its name is Greek, the language most commonly spoken at the time). This morning, may it also be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: PROVERBS 25:6,7

⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among great men;

⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 119A

Read responsively with the leader.

L: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

C: **who walk according to the law of the LORD.**

L: Blessed are they who keep his statutes

C: **and seek him with all their heart.**

L: You have laid down precepts;

C: **that are to be fully obeyed.**

L: Oh, that my ways were steadfast,

C: **in obeying your decrees!**

L: Then I would not be put to shame
C: **when I consider all your commands.**
L: I will praise you with an upright heart
C: **as I learn your righteous laws.**

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 13:1-8

¹Keep on loving each other as brothers. ²Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you." ⁶So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Refrain



Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

*Cantor sings: "Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart". Alleluia.
(Hebrews 4:12)*

All: Refrain

THE GOSPEL:

L: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 14.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: #486, *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

THE SERMON:

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

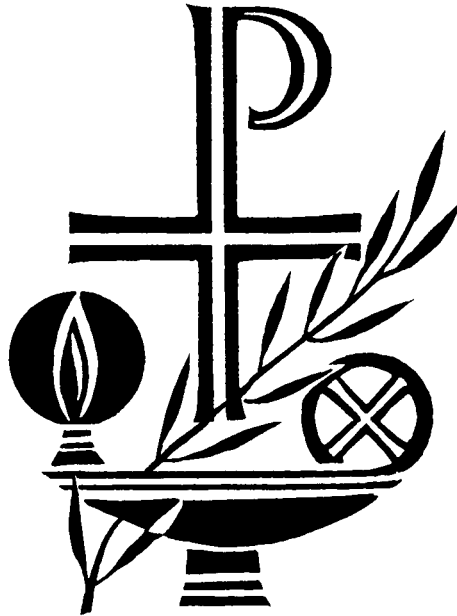
The members of Faith Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW EDUCATION WING

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

- C:** 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 SACRAMENT

✓ *Faith Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks. O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



The musical score is written in a single system with seven staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff includes a square box containing the letter 'C' at the beginning of the first note. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score concludes with a double bar line.

C O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
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THE DISTRIBUTION:

THE SONG OF SIMEON

1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!
2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

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The flowers at the altar today were given by the Anderson family.

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Announcements

Welcome to guests and visitors! We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon.

FaithBuilders Class: Our FaithBuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Faith, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes are held on Sunday at 9:15AM and the same topic is repeated on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Schroeder. Childcare is available. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Bible Study: The Bible study is called "Hymns of Faith & Hope: The Stories behind some of our best loved hymns". We would love to have you join in when we learn about the stories behind some of the hymns that are very familiar to us! Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Fall Sunday School/Adult Bible Class: New Bible Classes and Sunday School series begins Sunday, September 12th at 9:15AM. It is a wonderful opportunity for all members of your family to grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord. Please join us at 9:15AM.

Confirmation Class begins on September 8th at 5:45PM. All children in 7th and 8th grade and their parents are encouraged to come to the first class. If you have any questions, please contact Vicar Nass at church or by email at nass.nathan@gmail.com.

Youth Group begins on September 8th at 7PM. All children in 4th through 6th grades are invited to join us. Please speak to Dawn or Gary Hill for more information.

Ladies Night Out: Interested in a ladies night out? Then join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 16th at Smokey Bones in Peachtree City. Please RSVP to Kerri Madden 678-850-1428, so she can call ahead for table reservations.

Air Show: Mark your calendar! The Great Georgia Air show is October 9-10th at Falcon Field in Peachtree City. Faith mans a crowd favorite food booth. It takes many volunteers to make our booth run smoothly. When it gets closer to the event, there will be an informational meeting for all volunteers. If you have questions, please speak with Antoinette Massmann.

Upcoming Schedules:

- Cleaning:** Week Sep 6 – Sep 11: Weigel/West
Week Sep 13 – Sep 18: Chapman/Everhart
- Lawn Mowing:** Week Sep 6 – Sep 11: Hansen/Pauli
Week Sep 13 – Sep 18: Pfliger/Sporleder/Roberts
- Nursery:** Sun Sep 12: Buth
Sun Sep 19: Bonnette