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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

11 AM



JESUS THE CARPENTER... AT WORK TODAY

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Lin and Bob Greene in honor of Norma Palmer’s Birthday (September 3).

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH!

HAPPY LABOR DAY! The doctrine of vocation is Luther’s theology of the Christian life. It has to do with how Christians are to live in the world, how they exercise their faith, and how their ordinary lives are charged with meaning. More specifically, vocation addresses how God works through human beings. He gives us our daily bread through the vocation of farmers, millers, and bakers. He protects us by means of the governing authorities. He grants healing by means of the medical vocations. He creates works of beauty by working through artists and musicians. He creates new life and cares for children by means of mothers and fathers. God is at work in all of the people who do things for us—the ones who built our houses, made our clothing, prepared our food, picked up our trash, designed the technology that we enjoy, worked in the factories to manufacture what we need, gave us services to make our lives easier—and He is at work through us. Luther goes so far as to say that vocation is a “mask of God,” that behind us in the things that we do for others, God Himself is hidden. – Gene Veith, *In Praise of Work*

WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*I Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith in Jesus Christ are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week (Sept 1 to Sept 7, 2024)

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts

Our Discipleship the past weeks:

Worship	8/4/24	8/11/24	8/18/24	8/25/24
9:00am	136 (128)	150 (145)	147 (134)	145 (137)
Sunday School	17	Call Update	Rally Day	Call Service
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200
Giving MTD	\$13,316	\$22,619	\$31,331	\$38,974
Weekly Giving	\$13,316	\$9,303	\$8,712	\$7643

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Mark 7:14-23: So many of the Pharisees and teachers of the law in Jesus' day were preoccupied with rituals and ceremonies instead of worshiping the only true God from their heart. Our hearts overflow with the truth of God's saving grace as we believers share the Good News of Jesus with people who are still living in spiritual darkness.

Please stand

OPENING SET

"EVERLASTING GOD (STRENGTH WILL RISE)"

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord
Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God The everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

"GIVE US CLEAN HANDS"

**We bow our hearts We bend our knees
Oh, Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes From evil things
Oh, Lord we cast down our idols
So give us clean hands And give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands And give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Oh, God let us be A generation that seeks
Who seeks Your face, oh, God of Jacob
Oh, God let us be A generation that seeks
Who seeks Your face, oh, God of Jacob**

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INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ...

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence,

People: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**All: 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.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14–23

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG

“WAYMAKER”

**You are here, moving in our midst I worship You I worship You
You are here, working in this place I worship You I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst I worship You I worship You
You are here, working in this place I worship You I worship You**

Chorus:

**You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are
You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are.**

**You are here, touching every heart I worship You I worship You
You are here, healing every heart I worship You I worship You
You are here, turning lives around I worship You I worship You
You are here, mending every heart I worship You, I worship You**

Chorus

Way Maker (Osinachi Okoro)

SERMON

“THE GOOD WORK OF JESUS...”

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?

Isn’t this the carpenter? (Mark 6)

We continually ask God to fill us with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:9-14

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Jesus was a carpenter from Galilee, And he's doing a construction job inside of me
-- Bobby Giles.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

Elder: Heavenly Father, be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of Your commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us. Direct us always with Your Word of truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: God of all knowledge and wisdom, grant us to know You and Your love. Bless our teachers and students, our parents and grandparents, and helpers in our School, that we may grow up into You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Almighty God, look with compassion on our nation and all who bear public office. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Destroy and hinder in our common life whatever is not pleasing to You, and bless and prosper whatever accords with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today [*including ...*]. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

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A Prayer During the Offering: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”

There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"GIVE US CLEAN HANDS"

We bow our hearts We bend our knees
Oh, Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes From evil things
Oh, Lord we cast down our idols

So give us clean hands And give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands And give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh, God let us be A generation that seeks
Who seeks Your face, oh, God of Jacob
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“WAYMAKER”

***Chorus:* You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are
You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are.**

**Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working (repeat)**

Chorus:

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Pastor-Elect at Faith... Rev. Eric Longman

Thanks be to God! At our Special Voters Meeting, Sunday, August 25, Faith Lutheran Church and School elected Pastor Eric Longman to serve our ministry as pastor. On the second ballot, Pastor Longman was elected pastor, and the assembly ratified the selection by making it a unanimous decision.

Want to know a little about our pastor-elect? Here's part of the synopsis shared at the Call Service.

Education: BA from Georgia State university - 1992

Master of Divinity (M. Div.) from Concordia Seminary St. Louis – 2015

Family: Wife – Donna, homemaker. They have one son (27) and one daughter (29).

Previous occupations: Small business owner/Web Design and Hosting, also was a project manager.

Currently serving: Holy Trinity Lutheran, Rogers, AR • Is serving as Senior pastor at current church.

Size of present congregation (2023): Baptized - 508 Communicants - 420 Avg. worship - 225 **School:** ECE

Next Steps in the Process

(From the Florida-Georgia District, LCMS, “Calling a Pastor: A Manual”)

1. Our Faith Leadership has worked carefully to prepare the Call Documents for Pastor Longman.

He has likely received the documents and started his deliberations of the Call. It's a first step!

2. Pastor Longman and his family will be invited for a post-call visit with all expenses paid by the congregation. Our leadership will schedule and announce opportunities to meet with our pastor-elect (and family) and get to know him.

3. Let's keep Pastor Longman and Donna (and family) in our prayers and be prepared to do all within your power to assist him in his decision. The Florida-Georgia District servants will do the same.

4. Typically, most pastors will deliberate on a call from 2 - 4 weeks. Sometimes it takes a bit longer... but know that pastors take seriously both their current Call and the new Call as they seek God's will.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND TIMES STARTS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Connect-to-Disciple Bible Study Sundays, Sept 1, 8, 15 and 22

Making disciples is the purpose of the Church on Earth given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus.

Making disciples of people who are lost and perishing is the desire of His heart.

Sept 1: Our Call to Make Disciples

Sept 8: Our Role: Planting & Watering

Sept 15: The Challenge: "Lost People"

Sept 22: Light Triumphs Over Darkness!

This Bible Study/Prayer Time is for all members and friends. Please join us... Cafeteria.

Women's Bible Study,

Sunday, September 1, 2024, 9:45 a.m., LWML Room

All women are invited as we study the powerful book of Acts! We'll learn how the Story of God continues through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit transforming the lives of the apostles and those they witness to about Jesus the King. **Come and See** how we too can live the story!

The Wednesday Gathering, Wednesday, Starts September 4, 2024

What? Informal Gathering on Wednesdays

Where? Faith Lutheran Church and School.

When? Starts at 5:30 with light supper.

Who? Members, friends and community.

Why? Fellowship, Learning, Support, Outreach,

and more rolled into a strategic and intentional initiative to bring us together, to bring unchurched people to our facility and ministry circle, and to work toward "making disciples" for the Lord.



Special Wednesday Gathering Presentation, 9/11

Chris Bradshaw leads a timely presentation, "Just War: Can Christians Conscientiously Employ Violence?" on Wednesday, Sept 11, 2024, in the sanctuary. After a light supper (5:30 p.m.), adults and youth are invited to gather to reflect on "the great thinkers" on how we live with and respond to evil and violence in our world. A retired US Navy Commander, Chris and his wife Martha and family are members of Faith Lutheran Church and School.

Youth Confirmation (7th and 8th Graders)

Starts September 1 and continues each Sunday // 9:45 a.m., Conference Room

Youth Confirmation is a two-year introduction to Lutheran doctrine for 7th and 8th graders.

Confirmation flows from Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection;

- ✓ is the responsibility of parents... in partnership with the entire congregation
- ✓ involves a variety of people, relevant topics and approaches
- ✓ culminates in the public affirmation of faith in Jesus and commitment to His Word.

Parents: Please come with your Confirmand, Sunday, Sept 1, 9:45 Conference Rm

SCHOOL IN PRAYER Friday, September 6, 2024, 9 a.m.

All Faith Members are invited to gather to pray for our School, our faculty, and our precious children and their families! SCHOOL IN PRAYER is a monthly opportunity to gather with our teachers and students to ask God's mercy, blessing, protection, and healing upon our ministry, our community and nation, and everyone at Faith Lutheran Church and School. We'll gather on the First Friday of the Month, 8:45 a.m., in the Conference Room. We'll then proceed to the classrooms to unite our hearts and voices in prayer. Please see or contact Sandy Skrabanek (678-462-4366).

First Communion Introduction Sundays, September 15 and 22, 2024

9:45 a.m., Conference Room

This introduction is for parents and their baptized children (ages 8-12, Grades 3-6) to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper prior to Confirmation. Candidates for admission to the Lord's Supper will learn and/or review the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. They will also explore the Gospel and the Sacraments. Confessing their sin and trusting in their Savior, they will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of their faith in Christ and their love for others.

We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms

Church and State Bible Study, Sundays, Sept 22 – Nov 24, 2024, 9:45, Cafeteria

Dr. Greg Walton and Jon Wareham lead the study of God's Word on the timely topic of Christian life in both Church and State.

Adult Membership Course: GodConnects

Sundays, September 29 - November 24, 2024

9:45 – 10:45 a.m., Conference Room

Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in God and His truth, **GodConnects** will explore what the Bible says about the Christian faith, and how God's love in Jesus gives purpose, direction and meaning to your life today and forever. **GodConnects** is a video-based course designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Lutheran Church. At the completion of the course, participants are invited to be received into membership at Faith Lutheran, Marietta, Georgia.