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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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11 AM



THE STRONG HANDS OF JESUS

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

“For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”

“You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you...”

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH!

WELCOME, PASTOR ERIC AND DONNA LONGMAN!

We are so grateful and pleased that you came to visit us. All of us, members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church and School, welcome you to worship today and pray God's rich blessings on you. We know that you have much on your hearts and minds as you deliberate our Call to serve this ministry. So we ask our heavenly Father, through His beloved Son Jesus Christ, to pour out His Holy Spirit on you in the days ahead. May God supply all that you need as you discern His will and purpose.

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 15 to Sept 21, 2024)

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

Our Discipleship the past weeks:

Worship	9/1/24	9/8/24	9/15/24	9/22/24
8:15 Traditional	76 (56)	87 (83)	-	
11:00 Contemporary	72 (51)	54 (49)	-	
Sunday School				
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200
Giving MTD	\$9,910	\$22,944	\$	
Weekly Giving	\$9,910	\$13,034	\$	
On-line Giving				

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Mark 9:14-29: In today's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrated His divine power over Satan and his wicked angels. Satan is still very active in our world, but we can believe in and share the Good News that Jesus has overcome the devil and will protect His people from Satan's evil attacks. The One who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Please stand

OPENING SET

Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1 **Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you Hope of a life spent with you.**

Chorus **So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
And you're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days O so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created All for loves' sake became poor. Chorus
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross. Chorus**

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We Fall Down

**We fall down, we lay our crowns At the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love At the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy, And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. (Repeat from the beginning)**

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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.

Silence for self-examination

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

EPISTLE READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG

♪ 1 Goodness of God

**Verse 1 I love You, Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**Chorus All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**Verse 2 I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)**

Bridge **Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after It's running after me**

Chorus **All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

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Sermon "Jesus Sabaoth (Lord of Host)"

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*"With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever."*

(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, stanza 2, LSB 656)

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." (Exodus 14)

¹ When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. ² When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. ³ He shall say: "Hear, Israel: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. ⁴For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." (Deuteronomy 20)

¹ After a long time had passed and the Lord had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then a very old man, ² summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: "I am very old. ³You yourselves have

seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you...

⁶ “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. ⁷ Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. ⁸ But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now.

⁹ “The Lord has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. ¹⁰ One of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, just as he promised. ¹¹ So be very careful to love the Lord your God. (Jos 23)

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: For faith and its increase, even in the midst of unbelief, that God would sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world, where unclean spirits often afflict us and those that we love, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: For all hearers of the Word, that the Holy Spirit would open their ears to believe His Word with gladness and action, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: For _____ and all others in need, that our God, with whom all things are possible, would not deny their prayers on account of unbelief, but grant them health and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: For all who come to the altar today, that the Lord would give us repentance and faith to welcome Him with joy, praying, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief,” let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: To You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

THE 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.

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.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

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 HYMN

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

**Verse 1 I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood**

**Chorus Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)**

**Verse 2 I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away (Chorus)**

**Bridge Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life My future in His hand (Chorus)**

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

"I AM A TRUST FROM YOU, LORD!"

God has entrusted me with life, body and soul, and all my material and spiritual blessings. By faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I will care for, honor, and freely and gladly share His gifts.

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. -- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14

Upcoming September/October Events

***Today Only (9/15): No Sunday School or Bible Classes!
Everyone gathers in the sanctuary to meet Pastor Eric and Donna.
Please join us as we share ourselves and our ministry with the Longmans.***

Praise on the Patio / Today, 9/15, 5 – 7 p.m.

“Meet at the Patio behind the Food Pantry!”

Dinner. Music. Fellowship. It’s time to grow our ministry. It’s time to connect people to Jesus... and “Praise on the Patio” is an ideal opportunity to enjoy God’s gift of music.

Hamburgers and hotdogs and sides provided. Please join us, and invite your family, friends and neighbors. Sponsored by Family Life and Evangelism Boards.

Connect-to-Disciple Bible Study // Sundays, Sept 1, 8, 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!

Women's Bible Study: Acts Sundays, 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 Wired Word: What does the Bible say about... ?* Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Board Room**

A weekly study of a current issue, including a news article, editor comments, “five big questions,” and Bible teaching. Men and women invited... Join us to understand God’s Word to our world.

Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6th Grade Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Gathers in Sanctuary

God the Father created you! Jesus Christ, God’s own Son, died and rose for you! The Spirit of God is alive and working in and through you! You are a beautiful creation of our God.

All children are welcome.

High School and College Age Bible Study
“Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation, and Faith”
Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Meets in the Youth Room

A solid study of the truth of God’s Word as He reveals His purpose for His creation.

Youth Confirmation (7th and 8th Graders)
Sundays // 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.

First Communion Introduction // Sunday, September 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, Creed, and Lord's Prayer. They will 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.

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.

Book Club, Sunday, Sept 22, Noon – 2 p.m., Cafeteria

Our topic? The Lo Patrick book, *The Night the River Wept*. Please be sure to bring a “brown-bag” lunch. For more information, contact Muriel Pfaff (770-862-2334). All our cordially welcome.

We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms Church and State Bible Study, Sundays, Sept 29 – Nov 24, 2024, 9:45, Cafeteria

Dr. Greg Walton and Jon Wareham lead the study of God’s Word on this timely topic. Throughout the class, tough questions are raised that help the user understand the demanding balance between Church and State. Politics and religion often separate people in sharp and defining ways, dividing a country along shifting lines. Yet, no matter what one's perspective is, for the Christian his or her citizenship is an opportunity to serve in both the affairs of earthly government and the mission of the Christian Church on earth -- Martin Luther's "Two Kingdoms."