Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



-1 Corinthians 1:23

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Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV

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As We Gather

Today's Epistle is from Hebrews 11, the "by faith" chapter. It lists heroes of faith, people who trusted in God's promises, assured of what they hoped for (the definition of faith). The Reading from Genesis singles out Abram believing God, for which God counted it to him as righteousness. Now we can look back, knowing that in one descendant of Abraham, Jesus, all God's promises were kept. His calming words in the Gospel give us the assurance we need to rely on God's care and concern when we don't have all we think we need. "Seek [God's] kingdom, and these things will be added to you," He promises (Luke 12:31). Our faith-filled response echoes today's Psalm: "Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You" (Psalm 33:22).

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 14-17 of the bulletin.]

╋ Preparation for Worship ╋

Hymn

TLH 381 – I know My Faith is Founded

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution [Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- **C** and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **C** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- **P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- **C** Amen.

╋ Service of the Word ♣

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

- **P** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
- **C** From where does my help come?
- **P** My help comes from the LORD,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** He will not let your foot be moved;
- **C** he who keeps you will not slumber.
- **P** Behold, he who keeps Israel
- **G** will neither slumber nor sleep.
- **P** The LORD is your keeper;
- **C** the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- **P** The sun shall not strike you by day,
- **C** nor the moon by night.
- **P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;
- **C** he will keep your life.
- **ℙ** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
- **C** from this time forth and forevermore.



Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Gospel Reading

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags

Luke 12:22-34

Genesis 15:1-6

that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

TLH 396 – Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

Sermon Text

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an

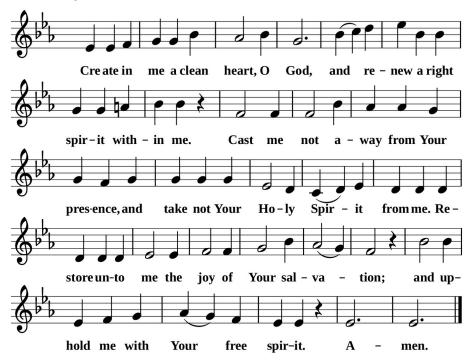
inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



Seeing is Believing

I. See and Believe God's Word II. See and Believe that God's Word Works in His People

Offertory



Hymn

General Prayer

✤ The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with You.



And with your spir – it.

P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

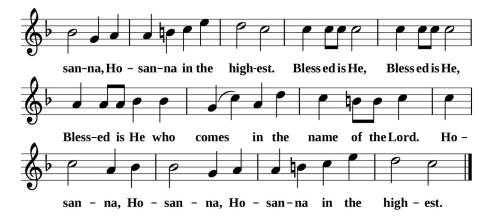


It is good and right so to do. It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

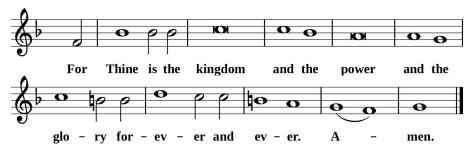
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Lord's Prayer

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;



Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Lamb of God



Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We'd love to have you!

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



♥ O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

P Let us bless the Lord.



Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A-men, A-men, A – men.

Hymn

TLH 54 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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TLH 381 – I know My Faith is Founded

2 Tim. 1: 12 7. 8. 7. 8. 7. 6. 7. 6. 7. 6. 7. 6. Ich weiss, an wen ich gläube Nun lob, mein' Seel' Erdmann Neumeister, 1718 'Concentus Novi'' Tr., composite Augsburg, 1540 know my faith is found -ed Je-sus Christ, my God and Lord; 1 I On 2 In-crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by night and day 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Tho' per-se-cu-tion, grief, and pain And this my faith con-fess - ing, Un-moved I stand up - on His Word. To rob me of this trea-sure And take my hope of bliss a-way. a stead-fast trust re-tain; Should seek to o - ver-whelm me, Let me Man's rea - son can - not fath om The truth of God pro-found; But, Lord, with Thee be-side shall be un - dis-mayed: me, I de - par ture Take Thou me home to Thee And then at my Who trusts her sub - tle wis dom Re - lies on shift-ingground. it, And Thy good Spir Ι shall be un - a-fraid. led by it And let me there in - her All Thou hast prom-ised me.

God's Word is all - suf - fi cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure. firm - er faith be bide with me. 0 Sav ior, Α stow: A life and death, Lord, keep Un - til Thy heav'n I In me gain. dom, My faith shall rest se-cure. And trust-ing in its wis -Then I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe. Where I by Thy great mer - cy The end of faith at-tain. A-men. TLH 396 – Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink C. M. Luke 17:5 St. Peter William H. Bathurst, 1831, alt. Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836 1 Oh. for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by man-y a foe; 2 That will not mur-mur nor com-plain Be-neath the chas-t'ning rod, 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage with-out; 4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn-ful smile; That will not trem-ble on the brink Of pov-er - ty or woe: But in the hour of grief or pain Canlean up-on its God; That, when in dan-ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt; That sin's wild o-cean can-not drown Nor Sa-tan's arts be-guile; A-men. 5 A faith that keeps the narrow way 6 Lord, give us such a faith as this; Till life's last spark is fled And then, whate'er may come, And with a pure and heavenly ray

Lights up the dying bed.

We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.





╋ Announcements ╋

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE:"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran			
August 7	9:00 am	Worship Service	
August 9	6:00 pm	Council	
August 10	9:00 am	Lakeview Place Worship Service	
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services	
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service	
August 12	6:30 pm	Fellowship Game Night w/ Bonfire	
August 14	9:00 am	Worship Service	
August 16	7:00 pm	LMS School Orientation	
August 17	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)	
August 21	9:00 pm	Worship Service	

Fellowship Gathering/Bonfire: Join us this Friday, August 12 @ 6:30pm for an Outdoor Game Night complete with a Bonfire and S'mores!

Home Visits: Pastor will be calling all of the members of the congregation to set up visits. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Pastor will be happy to visit with you in your home or at his office. If you know someone who needs a visit, please let Pastor know.

Midweek Worship Services: Starting Wednesday, August 17th, we will be holding worship services on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. These services will be a repeat of the Sunday worship service with a shortened liturgy. The purpose of these extra services is to give those who have trouble making it to church on Sunday another opportunity to join for worship.

Paper Products/Supplies: We are making an effort to keep all of the supplies you may need on the main level of the church. Paper products are no longer kept in the basement. You should be able to find everything you need somewhere in the kitchen. For example, paper towels are now kept in the cupboards on either side of the sink. If you need help finding anything, please reach out to Barb H.

Property Needs: There are several needs currently for our church property. We may need to hire out the work on the trees. In that case, any references would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Tyler Kern at 920-266-9366 or tyler@kernhome.org

- 1. Shades need to be installed in the 146 teacherage.
- 2. Painting (possibly) needs to be done at the 146 teacherage
- 3. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
- 4. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
- 5. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

Escape Room: The youth group will be putting on two different escape rooms at Luther Memorial Friday, August 26th from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Teams can sign up for a time slot by contacting April Kern at (920) 257-9308 or at <u>aprilkendall3@yahoo.com</u>.

Fondue Fest: Luther Memorial will, once again, participate in Fondue Fest this year on Saturday, September 10th. We're going to try a little something different this year. Rather than have just our regular booth and activities, we need as many people as possible to wear a Luther Memorial t-shirt designed to catch people's attention, walk around Fondue Fest, and hopefully strike up some conversation. There is a sample of the t-shirt design on the bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet. We will also have a booth where you can send people to speak with Pastor about our church.

Installation: Pastor Mark Tiefel will be installed as pastor of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI on Sunday, August 21st. The service will be at 3:00 pm with a fellowship meal to follow.

Kinship: The Kinship Committee is in need of individual sponsors for both orphans and seminarians in our overseas sister congregations. Fields of opportunity are continually expanding, as are the needs for support from those who are moved do to do. Please consider helping. Financial support ranges from \$25/month to \$50/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042.

National Women's Retreat (Virtual): You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: God's Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. Register at: https://tinyurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!

CLC Women's Retreat West: Mark your calendars! Coming up – a weekend of Bible study, interviews, personal narratives, and a special presentation by Missionary Todd Ohlmann at the 17th (almost) annual Women's Retreat West to be held September 16-19 at Chadron State Part, Chadron, NE. For more information and to register, visit https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/

Man Up! Retreat: The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 22-25, 2022, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment by August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

CLC Call News: Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has received the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA. + Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has accepted the the call to serve the joint vacancy of Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood WA.