



Faith Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church
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You have the words



of eternal life

John 6:68

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THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2018

Prayer upon Entering Church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. *Amen.* ✠

Guests: We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

Holy Communion: The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

Parish Nurse: Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or cat121551@gmail.com.

Nursery: We encourage all children to be in worship, but, at times, for you and those around you, you may consider using our nursery for your children age 3 and younger. We have helpers for our nursery so that you are able to stay and worship.

Prayer Requests: We encourage everyone to fill out the prayer cards located in the pew racks for any prayer request that you may have. Please hand the cards to the ushers at the time of the offering.

The Rite of Friendship: There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. During the offering please record your **first and last name** and, if you are a guest, please put your **mailing address**. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

visit our website at www.faithlutheranwen.com

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Month: *Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy*

LSB 774



Feed Thy chil-dren, God most ho-ly; Com-fort sin-ners
poor and low-ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
food Thou here hast giv-en! As these gifts the bod-y nour-ish,
May our souls in grac-es flour-ish Till with saints in
heav'n-ly splen-dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren-der.

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At each ✠, one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism. At each ❖ one may bow in reverence.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22 Psalm 124:8 Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching 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.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

John 20:19-23

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

❖ ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;***

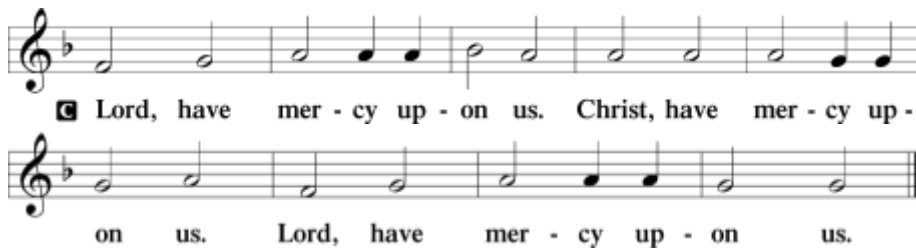
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14 John 1:29



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

The Covenant Renewal at Shechem Choose Whom You Will Serve

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6-21

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

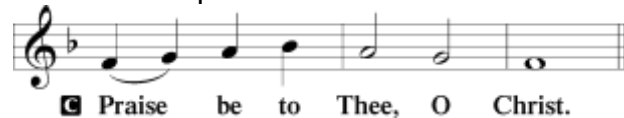
John 6:51-69

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



The Words of Eternal Life

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds agreed upon by the ancient church.

C 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.

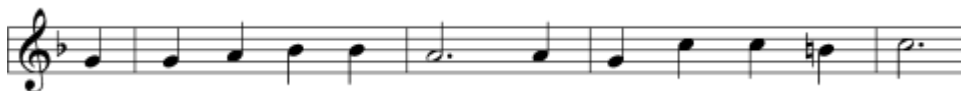
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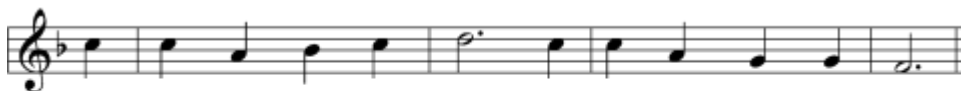
1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per-fect gifts be-stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com-mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor-rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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Sermon

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22 Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3 Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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 Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28 Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Distribution Hymn: *Seek Ye First*

LSB 712

Distribution Hymn: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

LSB 641

Refrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your
 grat - i - tude That You should count us
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

Refrain



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led - me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly

feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,

Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my

bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,

gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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.
- C** Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Sending Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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P Go in the peace of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the service

Acknowledgments

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Prayers

Missionaries: Neil & Lindsey Broere and children, Sean & Caria Graham and children, Rev. John & Sue Mehl, Danelle Putman, Loraine Rathman, Mark & Becky Schoepp, Faith Lutheran Preschool staff

Our Synod's Leaders: Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linneman

Prayers for Our Nation: Our President, our Congress, our Governor and Legislators

Our Military: Afghanistan: Jackson Nystrom; Germany: Jonathan Janos, Mike Pappal; Stateside: Dakota Aldrich, Jonas Balloga, Kyle Barger, Levi Barger, James Beedie, Robert Haight, Thomas & Monica Heuer, Zach Manyrath, Elizabeth Martin, Tim McCamey, Dylan Mitchell, Nick Neely, Mark Pappal, Joseph Reese, Luke Sukow, Ethan Visser

Prayers for Comfort:

Prayers for Continued Healing: Karen Bailey, Shad Bailey, Larry Barger, Keegan Beckman, Al Berg, Malakiah Blackwell, Daryle Booth, Walt Brunner, Ted Conrad, Jacob and Mellissa Crosby, Pam Dais, Joy Deich, Bob Donnell, Ray Ericksen, Doug Fischer, Gary Fischer, Pita Gonzalez, Dorothy Haight, Steve & Jenny Hancock, Chad Hoffman, Ashlee Johnson and children, Janie Kester, Bob Koenig, Nick Leishman, Paul Lichtenberg, Genevieve Marrapodi, Donaji Maydole, Jo Maydole, Larry & Maxine Melcher, Marcia Murray, Perci Owens, Kelly Peterson, Don Rosentrater, Salli Schonning, Leslie Simpson, Diana Snell, Dewey & Ruth Stedman, Stephanie Taylor, Karen Turnipseed, Ernie Vipond, Bonnie Williams, Dwayne Visser

Prayers for Shut-Ins: Elsie Dobrowolski, Tom Oelke, Harriet Robinson, Wes & Judy Visser

General Prayers: For firefighters and those in the way of fires, those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times, for the safety of students in the coming school year, and for the preschool children

For those continuing their instruction in the Christian Faith: Ava Langford, Jameson Maydole, Jonas Winterstein, Salem Winterstein

Prayers for Marriages and Families:

Prayers for Safe Travel and Spiritual Growth:

Expectant Mothers: Carissa Stone

Announcements

Volunteers Needed: The Trustees are looking for volunteers to assist with painting maintenance at the Parsonage. The new Aesthetics Committee is also in need of volunteers. Please talk to Robert Brunner with questions or to volunteer your time.

Audit Committee: If you are interested in serving on the Audit Committee, please let Mark Maydole know. We are looking for five members to complete this important task, and make the process easy for those auditors.

School Kits: Tabitha Circle helps support Lutheran World Relief by putting together school kits, personal care kits, fabric kits, and making quilts. We are now collecting school kit items, which are on sale at this time. You will find the collection box by the mailboxes. Items needed are: RULERS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, BLUNT SCISSORS, #2 PENCILS, BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS, 2½" ERASERS, AND 70-SHEET NOTEBOOKS. Thank you for whatever you may be able to give.

Salad Potluck: The Miriam Circle women of Grace Lutheran invite all of the women of Faith Lutheran to a salad potluck in the church Fellowship Hall at 6:15, Tuesday, August 21, at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington St, Wenatchee. No program is planned, just good food and pleasant company. Please bring a salad to share; beverages, bread, and dessert will be provided.

Declaring The Whole Counsel Of God: *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Marriage & Divorce, Responding to Roman Catholicism's Claim of an Infallible Magisterium, An Introduction to Isaiah, Jesus Teaches About an Unforgiving Servant, and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Sunday 19 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Service Coffee Fellowship Adult Study	9:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am
Monday 20	SAIL Exercise Class	10:30 am
Tuesday 21	Morning Prayer Bible Study	8:30 am 9:00 am
Wednesday 22	Morning Prayer SAIL Exercise Class	8:30 am 10:30 am
Thursday 23	Morning Prayer Faith Lutheran Preschool Open House	8:30 am
Friday 24	SAIL Exercise Class	10:30 am
Saturday 25		
Sunday 26 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Service Coffee Fellowship Adult Study	9:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am

Today		Next Sunday	
Elders			
Ushers	Eric Loeb sack Byron Lee	Carl Ericksen Lawrence Guyll	
Organist			
Altar Care	Betty Marth, Char Lauer		
Chancel Flowers	Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Dee Hickman for thankfulness for God’s blessings		
Last Week Offerings:	Offerings This Month:	Attendance Last Week:	76



About the Cover

Jesus knows exactly what we need in order to live in Him. It was by no accident that Moses and the prophets, along with the apostles, wrote what God spoke to them in order for us to have "the words of eternal life." Everything we need to know about Jesus and His saving work on our behalf is recorded in Holy Scripture. Thanks be to God for His salvation!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Proverbs 9:1-10

- 1 Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- 2 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has
mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- 4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks sense she says,
- 5 "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."
- 7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself
abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man
incurs injury.
- 8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate
you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love
you.
- 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he
will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will
increase in learning.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is
insight.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk

with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Holy Gospel: John 6:51-69

⁵¹[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."