₱ The Lord bless and keep, His favor increase,
That all God's dear sheep may dwell in His peace.

☑ ♪ Wherever we gather, let praises be done
To Spirit, Son, Father—Great God, Three-in-One!

Hymn: WS #795 "Then the Glory"

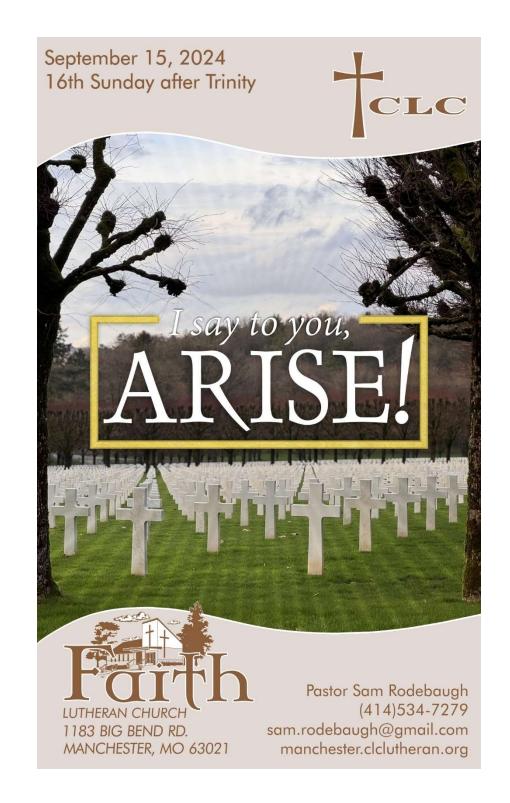
<u>Please Welcome</u> our newest member Renee Best! Renee is married to Phil who became a member of Faith earlier this year. I think most of you have met Renee, but if you have not yet introduced yourself, please be sure to do so!

<u>Call Meeting Today</u> – Last week's call meeting was recessed without issuing a call. That meeting will resume today shortly following the worship service. Please pray that the Lord would bless the call meeting and that, as He wills, He will send another pastor into our midst soon!

Kansas City Worship will be held today at 5:30 pm.

<u>Moving Date</u> – Pastor still does not have a solidified moving date set, but the current best estimate is that the Rodebaughs will be moving to Okabena, MN near the end of October.

CLC Call News: Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO has accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA is still considering the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud has been called and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024. <> Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement from the ministry on September 29, 2024.



→ Opening Prayer →

Hymn: TLH #293 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

Pastor

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us pray.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response: TLH #199:4 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

Thanksgiving

To the tune of "For All the Saints"

Oh, thank the Lord, and tell abroad His praise. He keeps His promise made in ancient days. Let all who seek Him joyful anthems raise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Lord, now let Your servant go in peace,
For my own eyes have seen your great increase,
Light for the nations, nevermore to cease.
Alleluia!

All praise to God, the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, blessed Three-in-One, As 'twas, is now, and ever shall be done: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction To the tune of "Oh, Worship the King"

Our God from the dead the Shepherd did raise.

His sheep, safely led, on green pastures graze.

Christ's blood, once outpoured, Makes the covenant sure:

The grace of the Lord shall forever endure!

→ Order of Holy Communion →

The PrefaceTo the tune of "Oh, Worship the King"

P

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And also with you.

☐ fis proper to do.

P Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! For your promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; for sin forgiven, death defeated, life restored forevermore, the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

☐ A Hosannas we raise! Our Lord Jesus Christ Is worthy of praise! The Lamb sacrificed Is raised to the right hand of God's holy throne! Oh, tell of His might and extol Him alone!

The Words of Institution *Lk.* 22:19-20; *Mt.* 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

→ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper →

Ps. 86:1, 3, 5, 7, 12-13

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.
- For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- P Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.
- P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
- For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

1 Kings 17:17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his

illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper

chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Ephesians 3:13-21

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For

this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Reception into Membership

Renee Best



Confession of Faith

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: WS #761

"In You Is Gladness"

Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd

went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

"What Would Jesus Do?"

"What Does Jesus Do?"
"What Will Jesus Do?"

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

☑ A Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

+ The Offering of Thankful Hearts +

Sermon Hymn: TLH #188:1-4

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

+ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer +