

October 13, 2024
20th Sunday after Trinity



COME TO THE WEDDING FEAST



Faith

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #279

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

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.

C **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.**

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

C **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.

C **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.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #218:6

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

C **♩ Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son, Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm hath won. Glory to the Holy Spirit! To One God in Persons Three Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.**

The Introit

Ps. 48:1, 9-11; Liturgical Text

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

- P** The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us, for we have not obeyed his commandments.
- G** **Glorify your name, O Lord; and deal with us according to your great mercy.**
- P** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
- G** **We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.**
- P** As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
- G** **Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- G** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

Ephesians 5:15-21

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Isaiah 55:1-9

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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.

Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

"Who Wouldn't Want to Attend this Wedding Feast?"**The Offertory**

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

☩ ♪ 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: LSB #514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;

May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,

May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
 From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least

That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

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 His peace.

G Amen.

Hymn: TLH #656

"Behold a Host Arrayed in White"

Call Issued – The voters of Faith have elected to call Pastor Frank Gantt to be the next pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. If you would like to reach out to Pastor Gantt with thoughts or encouragement, his phone number is (470) 214-3401 and his email address is pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com. Please be sure to keep Pastor Gantt's consideration in your prayers.

Rodebaugh Move – Pastor Rodebaugh and family will be moving to Okabena, MN on Saturday, November 2nd. Sunday, October 27th will be his last Sunday here at Faith, as we celebrate the Reformation together. That is currently planned to be the last Sunday for Kansas City worship as well. Our last Wednesday Bible Class together will be October 23rd.

2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip - Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Speak to Pastor Rodebaugh for more information, or find information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC Call News – Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 14th – 20th, '24

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

-Psalm 119:105

Mon Luke 19:1-5 Zacchaeus is trying to get a glimpse of Jesus, but the good news is that Jesus is looking for him! And Jesus wants not just a glimpse, but to come into Zacchaeus' home that very day.

Tues Ephesians 6:1-4 When Jesus enters a home, children remain children and parents remain parents, but their relationships to each other are definitely affected, for they submit to one another in reverence for Christ (5:21).

Wed Ephesians 6:5-9 As with children and parents, the Lord's word speaks directly to those under authority, urging obedience and respect. Such obedience does not come from the master's threats (v9).

Thurs 1 Kings 21:17-25 The murder of poor Naboth and the theft of his vineyard have not gone unnoticed by the Lord. Elijah is sent to tell King Ahab that his whole family will suffer as a consequence of his and Jezebel's actions.

Fri Psalm 127 The blessings of a household – the building, the watching, the working – are all useless without the Lord's participation. Indeed the extra mouths to feed (children) are a heritage from the Lord!

Sat James 1:9-12 When Jesus stays in the house, the poor one recognizes his blessings, and the wealthy one does not put his trust in his earthly riches or power. Even those undergoing trials look forward to the crown of life.