

October 20, 2024
21st Sunday after Trinity



“ NEVERTHELESS
HE SAVED THEM
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE, THAT
HE MIGHT MAKE KNOWN HIS
MIGHTY POWER. ”



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #775:1-4

"Thy Strong Word"

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

C ♪ **Amen.**

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C **Congregation**

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

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.**

P O 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. Wherefore 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, who has 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.**

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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

The Introit

Ps. 119:1, 38-40; Liturgical Text

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

- P** The whole world is in your power; O Lord, King Almighty, no one can oppose you.
- C** **For you have made heaven and earth; you are Lord of all!**
- P** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
- C** **Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.**
- P** Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your just decrees are good.
- C** **Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #237:1

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** *♩ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!*

Collect Prayer of the Day

- P** O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in 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.*

Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said,

"Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights-- the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-- and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning,

the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds-- livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh

and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



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 #768

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Matthew 21:23-32

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this

authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Resistance (Against God's Love) is Futile

I. False Obedience is Resisting God's Love

II. Resistance Cannot Change God's Love

The Offertory

☩ *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 ✠

Hymn: WS #709

"God Loves Me Dearly"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

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 good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, 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:

C *♩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

The Order of Holy Communion



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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C *♩ Amen.*

The Agnus Dei

C *♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

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!

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

☩ *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

☐ 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.

☩ *Amen, amen, a – men.*

Hymn: TLH #309

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

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 **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA **is considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

CLC World Missions Prayer List – October 2024

Pakistan (South Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub and Missionary Ohlmann will depart Faisalabad, Pakistan, on Tuesday, October 15th. This will be their first face-to-face meeting with Pastor Gill and the group of believers that Pastor Daub has been instructing through online classes for the past few years. Please pray for the Lord's blessings on their travels and meetings as they discuss and proclaim the truths of God's saving Word. Give thanks to our Savior for granting us this opportunity and the technology to spread the truth of His Word in such a manner.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Pastor Monotosh reports that the [interim government](#) that was established after violent protests and the resignation of the prime minister has restored peace to the nation. There are still protests going on as a new government is established but they have remained peaceful.

Prep work continues for the building project. The Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with the construction of a multipurpose building that will serve the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) as a Bible Institute to train faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Thank the Lord for His protection of His children during the recent violence and change in government. Ask the Lord to bless this nation with good government so that they can live in peace and continue to spread the Good News of Jesus. Pray also for the building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work.

Nepal (South Asia) – Nepal has been hit by unusually heavy rains that have caused flooding and landslides. Many lives have been lost, and several villages have been destroyed. Damage to the roads makes it dangerous to travel and almost impossible to reach many who are affected, including some HCLCN families living in the foothills of the Himalaya. Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit Nepal in December. While in Nepal, he will have the opportunity to teach the fifteen students who attend the Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute (HLBI). He will also attend and teach at a regional HCLCN pastoral conference following the week of classes at the HLBI. Ask our Savior to keep the sheep of His HCLCN flock safe during these dangerous days and to grant safe travels for the pastors and leaders who attempt to visit and evangelize in dangerous places. Praise the Lord for the fifteen men who have dedicated their time and lives to training for the Gospel ministry. Ask for the Lord's blessings on the upcoming visit and for all the preparations that need to take place.

Myanmar (South Asia) – It's been over three years since the military overthrew Myanmar's democratically elected government, plunging the nation into a devastating civil war. Countless individuals continue to suffer, including farmers who can't grow crops, leading to food shortages and soaring

prices. Many members of the CLCM have been forced to flee their homes, seeking safety for their families. To help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, the CLC Board of Missions has approved Kinship funding for one year. This funding will provide vital humanitarian aid, ensuring access to essentials like food, shelter, and medical care for displaced CLCM members. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your thoughts and prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict.

Togo (West Africa) – During Missionary Evensen's absence due to health problems, classes have continued at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Seminary using the curriculum written by Prof. David Lau and translated by Missionary Evensen. Three students are scheduled to graduate in March. Between now and their graduation/ordination, they will be working to establish preaching stations and congregations to serve once they are finished with their formal training. Pray that our Savior will continue to bless the students as they finish their studies over the next several months. Ask the Lord to guide them as they work to establish new preaching stations where they will proclaim the Good News of sins forgiven in Jesus' saving name!

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen continues to recover from knee surgery in Spokane, WA. Pray that the specialists there will be able to find the cause and a suitable treatment for the swelling in his right knee and foot so that he can return to work in Togo, West Africa.

Ongoing Opportunities – **Please continue to pray** for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

For more CLC Missions updates and even more prayer opportunities, visit missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com