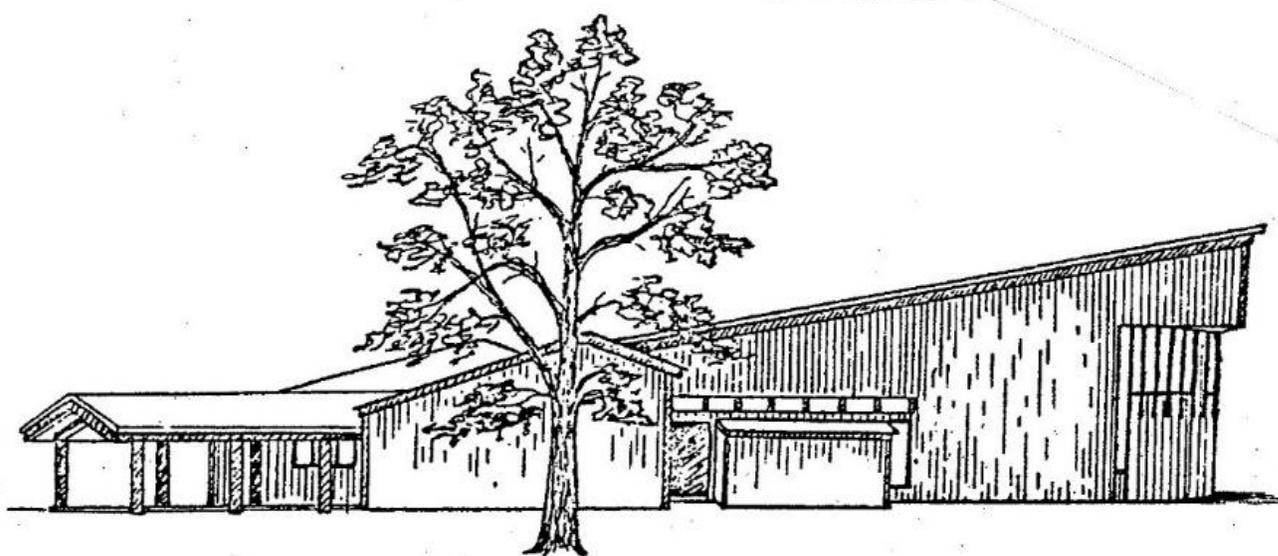


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

... GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD  
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome! A special warm welcome is extended to our guests and visitors. May you know the love and mercy of God as we are gathered together in this place to receive His gifts. Please fill out our Friendship Registry, located in the pew, or sign your name in our Guest Book located in the entry way of our building. Make sure to introduce yourself to the pastor, and, as our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute to today's offering.

Rest rooms are located off the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is located through the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to utilize our nursery, please notify an usher and you will be helped immediately. Hearing assistance devices are available. If you need anything, please speak to an elder or one of the ushers, who would be happy to help.

### Sunday Worship Service 9:00AM

Elder: Jeff Durocher                      Pianist: Lois Zill  
Altar: Lisa Charlesworth              Reader: Karen Everson  
Ushers: Bob Charlesworth | Roger & Judy Hoheneder

Sunday school Leader: Christine Decker | Assistant: Peytyn Decker

### Serving Next Sunday

Elder: Dan Everson                      Pianist: Marilyn Theel  
Altar: Sandy Lesperance              Reader: Betsy Gill  
Ushers: Dennis Froehlich, Roy Gill and Keith Muller

Sunday school Leader: Dawn Mullins | Assistant: Alissa Mullins

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH September 19 - September 25, 2021

Sunday: 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service

Sunday: 10:30 am Missions Collections

Monday: 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Altar Flower Chart - The 2021 flower sign-up chart is posted. The cost is \$10 per bouquet (payment envelope in your mailbox). Two bouquets are available per Sunday. **Please be sure to pick your flowers up from after the worship service!**

#### **Birthdays this week**

Steve Tillberg 09/21

Nora Sebero 09/24

Felicity King 09/24

Ruth Firnett 09/25

#### **Anniversaries this week**

Bob & Kay Helmuth 09/24

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

### SERMON SERIES: USING WEALTH WISELY *(Insights from Proverbs)*

#### + PREPARATION +

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring "

*Lutheran Service Book, No. 822*

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 40*)

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

Amen.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

**He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.**

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

**Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done the things you planned for us.**

None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

**Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.

**I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, magnify your name, and honor you with love for our neighbor.

**Have mercy on us, gracious God. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence for prayer and confession of sin.*

### **Absolution of Sin**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained pastor of the Church established by Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen! Thanks be to our God who forgives!**

**+ WORD +**

### **Proverbs Reading: 10:2-5, 22-23**

<sup>2</sup> Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value,  
but righteousness delivers from death.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry,  
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

<sup>4</sup> Lazy hands make for poverty,  
but diligent hands bring wealth.

<sup>5</sup> He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son,  
but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

<sup>22</sup> The blessing of the Lord brings wealth,  
without painful toil for it.

<sup>23</sup> A fool finds pleasure in wicked schemes,  
but a person of understanding delights in wisdom.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading: James 3:13-18**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them,

**“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.”**

<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, **“What were you arguing about on the road?”**

<sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,

**“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”**

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

<sup>37</sup> **“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ!

### Statement of Faith –

*(Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed)*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## *The Gospel Surprise Box*

**Sermon Hymn "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"**  
*Lutheran Service Book, No. 554*

### **Sermon**

*"Earning Money with Understanding"*

#### **Helps for Reading the Proverbs** *(Definitions and Explanations)*

1. The Proverbs aren't *promises*, but *probabilities*.
2. "Heart" means the inner life. It isn't just our emotions; it is what we say to ourselves in our heads.
3. "Foolishness" is lacking sense, or actually lacking a "Heart."
4. To be filled with Wisdom means to be filled with the Spirit of God. This is not something people can do for themselves, but what God does *for* them.
5. Proverbs is not a book of how to be saved, but how to live a saved life. It isn't the ROOT of salvation, but the FRUIT of salvation.

### **Offering**

*Members, please leave your tithe or offering in the offering plate in the entryway. Guests, we are honored by your presence, please do not feel obligated to leave an offering.*

### **Prayers of the Church**

...Hear us, O God;  
Your mercy is great.

**Lord's Prayer** (*Inside the back cover of the hymnal*)

**+ SACRAMENT +**

### **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in these days to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

**It is our Lord Jesus who fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust in you.**

It is our Lord Jesus who was handed over to death in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of our Lord**

**Peace of Christ**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**Communion Distribution**

*(Faith Lutheran offers communion wafers that are gluten-free; as well as non-alcoholic wine. Please inform Pastor or Communion Assistant of this requirement during distribution).*

**Hymn During Communion "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

*Lutheran Service Book, No. 617*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

*Lutheran Service Book, No. 685, verses 1 and 4*

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## **Update on Technology Improvement Goal**

In January Faith Lutheran adopted the goal to improve technology in the sanctuary in order to project worship service content. To date, we've received over \$3,000 in donations to offset this goal. Amazing!! Because all the components were not readily available, the project has been delayed. The good news is that we are getting closer to installation. If you would like to contribute to this project please make a special donation to "Technology Upgrade."

## **Special Voters Meeting**

The voting members of Faith Lutheran Church will meet after worship to discuss the next steps for calling a pastor. Rev. Kyle Winter declined the call to come and serve Faith. Please plan to attend and continue to pray for the call process. *Sunday school will also be starting that Sunday.* We would love to have people jump in and help with our group based Sunday School this year. We are looking for storytellers, craft helpers, and music or game leaders. Contact Pastor Bo or Christine Decker to assist.

## **Adult Bible Study coming this September**

*Starting September 26<sup>th</sup>* we will once again start up Bible Study after worship on Sundays. We will be reading, discussing, and working through the New Testament portion of "The Story." This means that you will want to have a copy of The Story to read in preparation for the Sunday Study. If you do not have a copy we have copies to purchase at church. They are \$5 per book. *For Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>* read chapter 22, "The Birth of the King." Anyone is welcome to come and help.

## **Sunday School Helpers**

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