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THE SEASON OF THE HOLY TRINITY

“Life in the Church of the Triune God”

ST. MARY-TIDE

“The Characteristics of the Christian Life: Seven Fruits of Faith”

The 17th Sunday After Trinity: The Sunday of the Pharisee’s Dinner

“Humble Love of Brothers in Faith” 13 October 2019

Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4.3 EHV)

WELCOME TO FAITH! GOD’S HOUSE, YOUR HOME. Here is a **word** for you! —God’s Word. Here is a **Savior** for you! —God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Here is **life** for you! —God’s gift of life **by grace through faith in Jesus.** **Guests,** please do us the honor of signing the guest book in the entryway of the church. If you have any questions about Faith Lutheran Church and the doctrine we believe and confess or have no church home of your own, we invite you to speak to the pastor. We hope to share God’s Word with you again.



THE OFFICE OF MATINS—hymnal page 32

Pre-service Prayers (Hymnal pp. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)
Prelude— *Praeludium in A Major* [BuxWV 151] Dietrich Buxtehude
Hymn #480 Lord of the Worlds Above

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. So that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us, with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, **C we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole**

heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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 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.**

Opening Versicles—

Hymnal pg. 32

Invitatory: *Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Venite

pg. 33-34

Psalm 75[antiphon vs. 1]:

P We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. **C We recount your wondrous deeds.**

P “At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

C When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars.

P I say to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horn;

C do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.”

P For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,

C but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

P For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it,

C and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

P But I will declare it forever;

C I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

P All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,

C but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

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

P We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

C We recount your wondrous deeds.

First Lesson—

Ephesians 4. 1-6 EHV

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.² Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

³Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. ⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. **Response— pg. 34**

Second Lesson—

St. Luke 14.1-11 EHV

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

²Right in front of him was a man who was suffering from swelling of his body. ³Jesus addressed the legal experts and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?”

⁴But they were silent. So he took hold of the man, healed him, and let him go. ⁵He said to them, “Which of you, if your son or an ox would fall into a well on a Sabbath day, would not immediately pull him out?”

⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you,

‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” **Response— pg. 34**

Sermon— Ephesians 4.1-6

Guarding Our Unity With Peace

1. Unity of the Spirit
2. Bond of peace

[Silence for meditation]

CATECHISM REVIEW—HOLY BAPTISM

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P Where is this written? **C** St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: **“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”** (Romans 6:4)

Offering

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That’s called humility. The Lord is God, and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? Once we see His love for us in the cross of Christ, how could we not trust Him? He knows what He is talking about, and we don’t. He loves us and wants to bless us. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense.

CANTICLE: *Te Deum Laudamus*

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THE PRAYERS

Kyrie

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Lord’s Prayer

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Salutation/ Collects

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COLLECT OF THE DAY: Lord, we beseech You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and to follow You, the only God, with pure hearts and minds; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen**



FOR OUR SICK: O Lord of heavenly might, You rule over the bodies and souls of all, and in Your Son, our Savior Jesus, You healed all manner of infirmities and cured all manner of diseases. Mercifully help, in body and soul, Your servants who are ill, especially those of our congregation and those dear to us. If it is Your will, free them from their sickness, or grant them the grace to take joyfully their present sufferings in full assurance of the glory that will be revealed to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS: Almighty and eternal God, You want all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Illuminate the hearts of the Jews that they acknowledge Jesus Christ is the Savior of all people. Favorably grant that even as the fullness of the Gentiles enters Your Church, all Israel be saved. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR LIFE: Heavenly Father, You knit all human life together in the womb. Help us to cherish the unborn child as Your handiwork. Instill in us a selfless compassion to speak on their behalf when their lives are endangered. Shelter those children with Your love, Your care, Your compassion. May all people join us in celebrating life as Your gift and a blessing from Your hand. We ask in Jesus' name, Who came as a child in His mother's womb to be our Savior. **Amen.**

FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even face death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. By Your spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that you will confess Your own before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FOR OUR SEMINARIES: Almighty, everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Your care we commend all the institutions of our Synod working to train and equip pastors. Grant them Your richest blessing that through their service, workers may be raised up who know and delight in Your holy Word, who eagerly serve Your gifts to Your children and who labor diligently to bring the saving knowledge of Christ to those who know Him not; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR TELLING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS: Lord Jesus Christ, You have made known to us the truth of Your salvation and by it have set us free from sin and death. Lead us to continue in Your Word and so truly be Your disciples, that as we tell the Good News about You to those around us, they may be set free also to glorify You; in Your name we pray. **Amen.**

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Benedicamus and Benediction pg. 40

Hymn #460 Behold the Sure Foundation=Stone



Silent Prayer

Worship Continues With The Service of the Sacrament where Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Today—Brief service of Holy Communion following Matins

Tuesday—Bible Study—2 Peter [conclusion] 6 pm

Thursday—Bible Study—2 Peter [conclusion] 9.30 am

Next Sunday—Catechism Study 9.45 am

—Pastor's final service with us

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner, Carol Zaun; the Kuhlmann family, Mary Ellen Carl, Alan Cooper {Jean's son}, Lynn Walz; those affected by war, especially the Syrian civil war; our congregation and her leadership.



Nothing more irksomely pains the devil than the teaching and the using of God's Word. [Luther]

I always sin, therefore I always go to Communion. —St. Ambrose

[De sacramentis, IV, 6, 28]

PRAYER OF THE COMMUNICANTS: O Lord, I do truly believe that You are here present in this sacrament, both God and man. Your will is that I should receive You, and that I should unite myself unto You in love. Wherefore I implore Your mercy, and do crave Your special grace, to the end I may wholly be dissolved and overflow with love unto You, and hereafter never allow any external consolation to enter in. For this most high and precious sacrament is the health both of soul and body, the medicine for all spiritual laziness; hereby my vices are cured, my passions bridled, my temptations overcome. Amen. [Thomas a Kempnis 1380-1471]

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: At Faith we offer Holy Communion to members in a separate brief service following morning services of Matins, Morning Prayer or Morning Service. Striving to confess and practice all that God has taught us in His Word, we offer the Blessed Sacrament to our own members and members of other congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as we express our unity of faith on the basis of all of God's Word [1 Cor. 10.16-17].

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PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray that You would govern and lead us by Your Holy Spirit so that we keep ourselves in Your fear and do not become arrogant, but hear and receive Your Word with our whole heart and rightly sanctify the Sabbath so that by Your Word we, too, are made holy first, by placing all our confidence and hope on Your Son, Jesus Christ, that He alone is our righteousness and redemption; and then, secondly that we improve our life according to Your Word and keep ourselves from all offence until we are eternally saved by Your grace in Christ. Amen.

LUTHER NOTES: I believe that the Apostles themselves changed the Sabbath, because no one else would have ventured to do so. And I believe they did this principally in order to get the notion out of the minds of people that they are just before God because of the Law and its observance, and in order firmly to establish the truth that the Law is not necessary for salvation. But the resurrection of Christ (on Sunday) and the sending of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost also moved the apostles to make this change.