



Welcome  
We are thankful you have joined us today!

## Hymn How Great Thou Art | 801

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain*

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

*Please stand.*

### Confession & Absolution

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

🕯 Amen. [Matt 28:19b; 18:20]

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

**But if we confess our sins, God, who  
is faithful and just, will forgive  
our sins and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

*Quiet time for self-examination and confession*

Let us then confess our sins to God our  
Father. **Most merciful God, we confess  
that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. 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 justly  
deserve your present and eternal  
punishment. For the sake of your  
Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so  
that we may delight in your will and  
walk in Your ways to the glory of your  
holy name. Amen**

Almighty God in His mercy has given  
His Son to die for you and for His sake  
forgives you all your sins. As a called and  
ordained servant of Christ, and by His  
authority, I therefore forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the  
☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] O God,  
You are the strength of all who trust in  
You, and without Your aid we can do no  
good thing. Grant us the help of Your  
grace that we may please You in both will  
and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 2022 – Setting One

In his new book *Through the Eye of a Needle; Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350–550 AD* (2012),

Peter Brown of Princeton documents the evolving attitudes and practices of Christians regarding wealth. He rejects two common myths. First, that of "the primal poverty of the early Christians." That was true for some, but not for all. And second, although the church gained new privileges under Constantine, the emperor didn't usher in a time of new wealth for the church. That didn't happen until the year 370 or so.

Until then, says Brown, the "mediocres" or "in-betweeners" were the church's biggest benefactors – the "middling people" between the super rich and the oppressed poor, like artisans, small farmers, small town clerics, tradesmen, and minor officials. Brown calls them "the solid keel of the Christian congregations through the fifth century."

There are no easy answers to the hard sayings of Jesus about money. Brown documents the many different ways believers grappled with parables like Lazarus and Dives, from radical renunciation by the super rich, the "anti-wealth" of the ascetics, care of the poor, the everyday generosity of ordinary believers, and, by the fifth century, the clerical stewardship of massive wealth as God's providential gift.

We freely share not out of guilt, ascetic renunciation (although God calls some people to that path), some communistic ideal that loathes private property, nor because the poor are virtuous. Paul is clear, "God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." Rather, in serving the poor we care for our own souls by imitating the character of God himself. Only in heaven, said Mother Theresa, will we understand how much we owe the poor for helping us to love God like we should.

–Daniel B. Clendenin

## Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Amos:

*Time for reflection.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Anthem-Seek Ye First* Trinity Lutheran High School Students

The Epistle Reading is from 1 Timothy:

*Time for reflection.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Our Confession of Faith

[Romans 10:9-10]

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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'" [Luke 16:19-31]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Preschool Students Sing

*When I Look Up*

*This Little Light of Mine*

*Do Not Give Up*

*After the Preschool children sing, the rest of the children are invited come up front.*

Children's Message

## Hymn

Lord, Whose Love | **848**

[TUNE: Beach Spring]

Lord, whose love through humble service, Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we  
give,

That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

## Sermon

### Announcements/Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay

*Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert*

*Offertory-This is Amazing Grace*

TLHS Students



### Prayer of the Church

*Please stand to pray. Each petition ends with:*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### The Lord's Prayer

[Matt 6:9-13]

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Morning Prayer

[Small Catechism]

We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. Amen.

### Meal Prayer Litany

Gracious God, today we intentionally choose to embrace the joys and wonders of life with You. Today life is truly like a picnic.

**We ask your blessing on our gathering this morning, rain or shine, sun or cloud.**

May we hear Your Word in a special way this morning as the birds sing out the prayer response, and may our worship together bring You joy.

**Thank you for this day to celebrate the beauty of Your creation in the grandest cathedral of all - the sky above us.**

Bless the children who can't wait for the games and the fun and the good food.

**Bless the child in all of us who feel the same way.**

Bless those who seek out the shade and remember fondly the church picnics and gatherings over the years.

**Bless our worship and singing and the feel of grass beneath our feet, the smell of the fresh air and tasty food as we share our meal together.**

God of Wonder, send us away from our worship and picnic renewed in our faith, and assured of your guiding presence, for we ask it in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### Blessing

Holy God, Blessed Trinity: Father, Son and + Holy Spirit, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, and give you peace this day and always. **Amen.**

### Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | 686

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

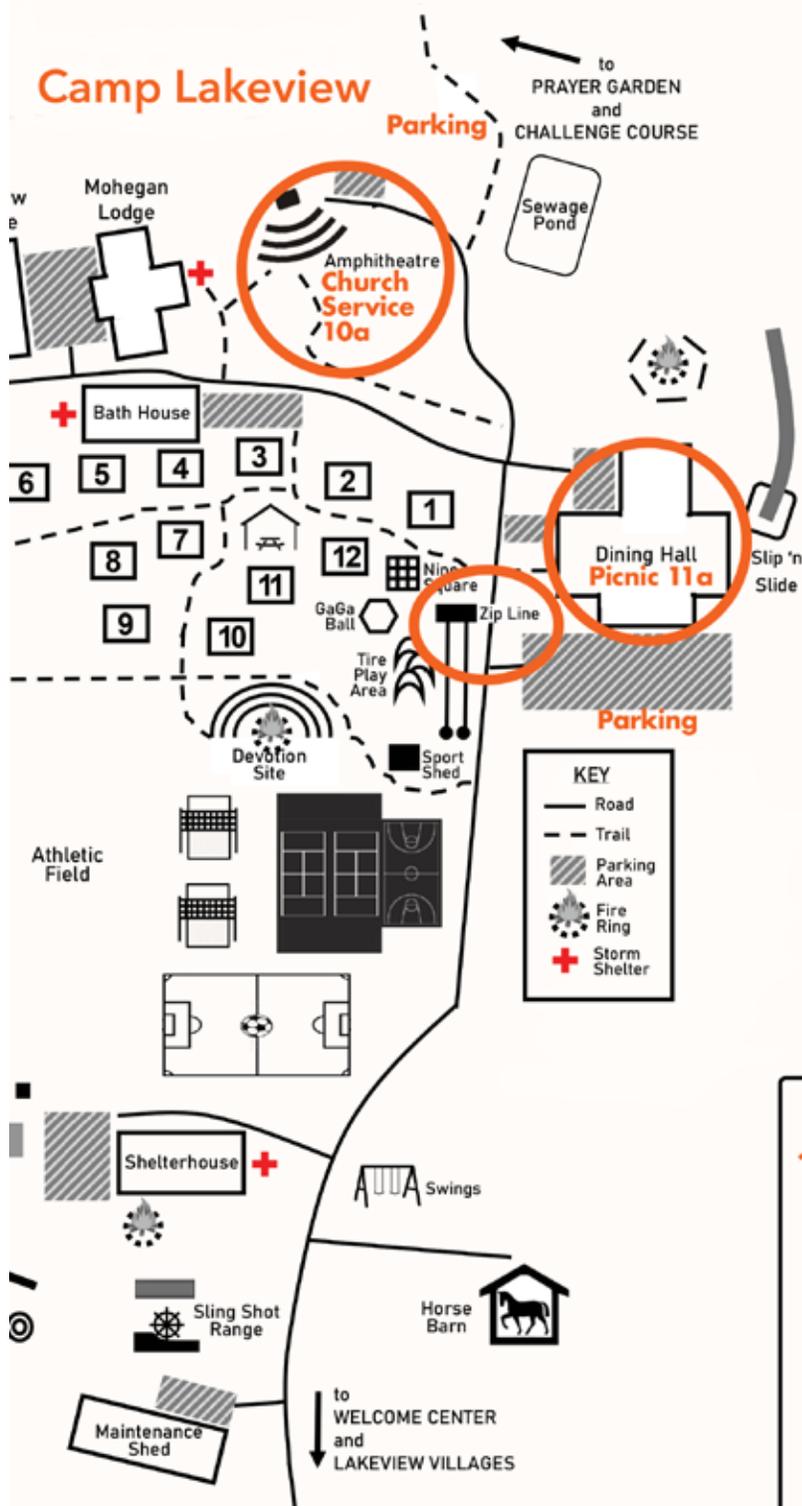
Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

### Postlude

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# Faith Lutheran Picnic Sept 25



**Submit your name for Raffle Drawings! Tear off and put in the offering plate.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2022-23 Faith Lutheran Preschool



2021-22 Faith Lutheran After School

