

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word” 400 LBW

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspg. 77 LBW

Kyriepg. 78 LBW

Hymn of Praise “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” .. 549 LBW

Prayer of the Day

O God, drive us, by your Holy Spirit, to run to Christ’s promise to forgive and save us. Open our ears to hear your unfailing word and to trust your mercy and pity toward sinners. Lead us in faith until that day when we may, by your grace, share fully in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 77:11-19

Second Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

Faith Seeds Pastor Paul Knudson

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Mark 6:45-56

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, Oh Christ”**

Sermon .. “A Word Is Worth 1,000 Pictures” .. Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” 507 LBW

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Offering

Offertory Response

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” 467 LBW

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

8:00 a.m. First Word

July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:

Mark 6:45-56

- † Why would most people rather see a picture than read or hear words?
- † Since Jesus walked to his disciples because they were in distress, why did he “intend to pass them by”?
- † Why did seeing Jesus terrify the disciples, but the word he spoke calmed them?
- † For Christians, why is a word worth 1,000 pictures?

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When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea... he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Mark 6:48, 50