

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Lift High the Cross” 377 LBW

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness pg. 77 LBW

Kyrie pg. 78 LBW

Hymn of Praise .. “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” .. 520 LBW

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the church, from generations to generations you have guided your people. Continue to guide us, as we run the race of faith, looking to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign in majesty and mercy, now and forever, Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-10

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-2

Faith Seeds Penny Stuber

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 9:14-29

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

Sermon “The Race of Faith: Starting Blocks” Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn “The Life of Faith”

O wondrous kingdom here on earth that Jesus Christ has founded, Thy glory peace and precious worth, No tongue has fully sounded. Invisible as mind and soul and yet of light the fountain. Thy brightness shines from pole to pole like beacons from the mountain.

***Chorus:* The life of faith, Oh, it calls to you and to the cross which makes us new and by your grace here in this place, you have called us to the life of Faith.**

Thy secret is the Word of God which does what it proposes. Which lowers mountains high and broad, and clothes the waste with roses. Thine is the glory of the King, who bore affliction solely. That He the crown of life might bring to sinners poor and lowly. *Chorus*

And when His advent comes to pass, the Christian strife is ended; What here we see as in a glass shall then be comprehended. Then shall the kingdom bright appear With glory true and vernal. And usher in the golden year of peace and joy eternal. *Chorus*

Text: Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg 1877-1970 Refrain: David Dale Wollan, b. 1975 Tune: William Solum Holt, b. 1994

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 "Built on a Rock" 365 LBW

"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:
Mark 9:14-29

- † What did you learn about Faith's history?
- † Who is surrounding you in your race of faith?
- † Where does your endurance come from?
- † How is the father's prayer your prayer ("I believe, help my unbelief!")?

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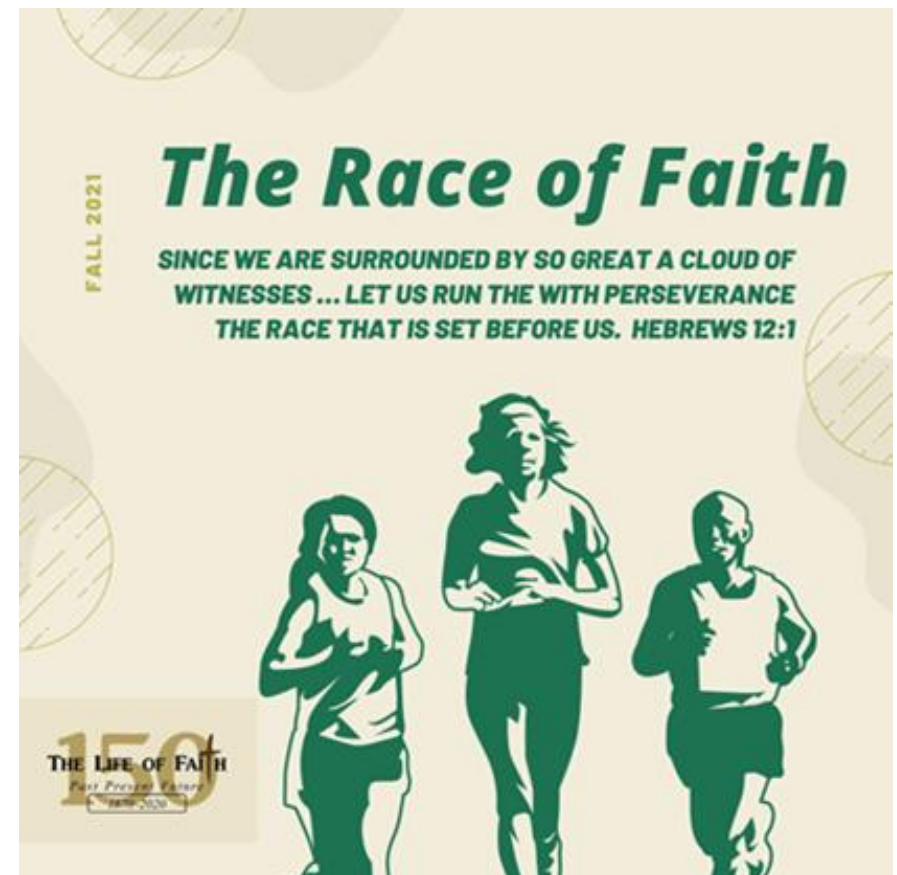
Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

8:00 a.m. First Word

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Starting Blocks"



"Lord, I believe, help my unbelief."

Mark 9:2