

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ... “Take Up Your Cross,’ The Savior Said” ..... LBW #398  
(Tune LBW #352)

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

**O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... Romans 12:9-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds: Faith Lutheran Puppets

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 ..... Matthew 16:21-28

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

Sermon ..... **“A Rule of Life”** ..... Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn ..... **“The Old Rugged Cross”**

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**Refrain** So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For ‘twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me. Refrain**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He’ll call me some day to my home far away;  
Where His glory forever I’ll share. Refrain**

CCLI Song # 19722

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 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune; Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

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.**

The Distribution ..... "Lamb of God" ..... LBW pg. 92  
Communion ..... LBW #504, 370, and 503

Benediction

Hymn ..... "Lift High the Cross" ..... LBW #377

### *"What Does This Mean?"*

Questions about Today's Worship Theme

- † What is your rule of life?
- † How does Jesus' call to carry your cross collide with our thoughts of what life should be?
- † What cross have you been called to bear?

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# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Then  
**JESUS**  
said to  
His disciples,  
**IF ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME,  
HE MUST DENY HIMSELF,  
AND  
take up  
his CROSS  
AND  
FOLLOW  
ME.**  
MATTHEW 16:24