

GATHERING

Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

Gathering Song– ELW* Page 749
“Oh God of love, O King of peace”

Welcome and Praise Reports

Prayer of the Day*

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sept. 20, 2015

My Sermon Notes:

In Our Prayers...

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Nathan Balcomb/Crall  
Sharon Biller  
Elizabeth Krc  
Lira Kingston  
Tia Balcomb



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sept. 20, 2015

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Adult Bible Study— TBD

Youth/Children's Sunday School—8:45 AM, Room 2

Sunday Bible Study- Starting Sunday, Sept. 27 at 8:45 AM

Lord's Pantry deliveries are made every Monday

Financials/Attendance for Sept. 13th

Attendance: 32

Offering: \$1715.00

Social Concern of the Month: \$140.00

Thank you!!

Thank you Joanne Peronto for cleaning up the benches in the Narthex.

Office Hours

Pastor Anne Carlson

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*Tues. and Thurs. Mornings*

*And by appointment*

***For emergencies dial (408) 406-8749***

## **This is the Feast of Victory for our God**

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## WORD

### Children's Message

Pastor Anne Carlson

### First Reading:

*James 3:13-18*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## ~September Celebration~

### ANNIVERSARIES

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Mario & Dotti Chisessi       | 20 |
| Hank & Linda Iversen/Sisler  | 23 |
| Dr. Erich & Catherine Werner | 28 |



### WELCOME PASTOR ANNE CARLSON

The Congregation at Faith Lutheran Church would like to give a warm welcome to our new Term Pastor, Anne Carlson.

May God bless you in your work.

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Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson  
Organist: Catherine Ellacer  
Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy  
Reader/Intercessions: Joanne Peronto  
Refreshments: Bob Zieher and Alice Abbing  
Greeter: Mimi Shilov  
Altar Care: Joanne Peronto  
Flowers: Verna Bachman

“In Loving Memory of husband, Elmer Bachman”

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**Needs for Sept. 27th Service:**

**Can you help?**

*As you walk back to the refreshments, please stop at the  
sign up sheet in the Narthex.*

\*Refreshments \*Reader \*Greeter \*Flowers

**Second Reading:**

*Proverbs 1:20 –33*

- <sup>20</sup>She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- <sup>21</sup>She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- <sup>22</sup>She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- <sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- <sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- <sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.
- <sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup>“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”

<sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

<sup>31</sup>Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

**P:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation \*



### The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-38

**C:** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the

### Doxology\*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all people here below;**

**praise God above, all heav’nly hosts;**

**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen**

### Time of Invitation & Announcements

### Blessing\*

**P:** The blessing of God’s eternal love, the courage to follow the way of Christ’s cross, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the broken places of our world, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen**

**Sending Hymn—ELW**

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“In Thee is Gladness”

### \*Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

## **Invitation to the table**

**P:** Come to the banquet, for nothing and no one can take your place. This is God's table, and Jesus is the host of this meal. It is a table of grace and it is all we will ever need.

Come, for all are welcome.

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

**P:** The life and covenant of Jesus, our companion, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **Offering\***

**P:** In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we give in return . . . We pray.

We give thanks to you, Gracious God, for the abundance of your steadfast love. Your guiding Spirit lights the darkness and calls us from violence to peace and reconciliation. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, our hands for your work. Amen.

We will now receive our offering.

prophets.”<sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”<sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.<sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.<sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?<sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?<sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Message “Question Sunday” Pastor Anne Carlson**

*(refer to Page 15 for “My Sermon Notes”)*

**Hymn of the Day\* - ELW**

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“Loving Spirit”

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

**Apostles Creed\***

With the whole Church, let us affirm our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**on the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit to come.

Enliven this bread. Awaken this body of Christ.

Pour us out for each other. Ignite your church.

Come Holy Spirit in this place.

**P:** Let us join our voices together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**C: 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**

## MEAL

### Communion Prayer\*

**P:** Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness, you have made this world and called us to be your children. We praise you, as you call us to build your people into a community of love.

You sent your son Jesus to show us who we are to be.

He showed us how to forgive and taught us that love is stronger than any force of evil or sin. Help us to remember the call you have given us as we gather here at Jesus' table to celebrate this meal.

We recall on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed, broke it, and shared it with all who were there, saying:

Take and eat; this is my life, given for you.

Whenever you do this, re-member me.

In the same way, he took a cup of wine from the table, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant given to you and to all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Whenever you do this, remember me.

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

### Prayers of Intersession\*

With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we pray for the church in its many expressions. Give it the gift of discernment to know what is needed and the humility to ask for what is necessary. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for another year of harvests, for farmers, gardeners, farmers markets, and community gardens. Teach us to share the earth's abundance with all who hunger. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. We pray for the priests, pastors and lay people who gave up their lives during communist times; for the long history of Christianity in these lands; those Christians who consider as important the dialogue with other Christians from different confessions.; choirs that sing God's praises; beautiful churches which announce the community of the faithful; church bells, onion domes, deep bass voices chanting the psalms, and icons of the saints; those who work for democracy and openness in government.

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes, and guide leaders to work for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for those affected by shortened daylight hours, for those who struggle with envy, and for those who suffer from impulses that are at war within them. We pray for all those in any kind of need (*especially those we name aloud or in our hearts*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We pray for children in this congregation and community. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministry of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran, San Jose, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints and all those who have seasoned our lives of faith. Preserve us in faith until we join them in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

**P: Peace of the Lord be with you**

**C: And also with you**

