

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

September 22, 2024



**For all those who exalt  
themselves will be humbled, and  
those who humble themselves will  
be exalted.**

**(Luke 14:11 ESV)**

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**Welcome to the Divine Service** where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

**The Lord's Supper** is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

## ***Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted***

*"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence"* (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted"* (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, *"Friend, move up higher,"* giving you His very Body and Blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)*

**Faith Lutheran School is once again holding its annual golf tournament** on Friday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club. Player spots, team spots, and sponsorship opportunities are available! Please visit our event site to register or learn more:

**<https://faithlutheranplano.schoolauction.net/golf24>**

**A sign-up sheet is available for those who would like to volunteer for Nursery duty during the Sunday School hour.**

**Reformation Fellowship!** – Please mark your calendars for our annual Reformation Celebration which will be held on October 26th. If you've never attended, it's a fun evening of food, games and crafts for the kids, a Reformation skit and a bonfire. This year we will have a Reformation themed costume contest for participants of all ages. Costumes can be period authentic or whimsical. We ask that you bring your favorite German food to share. Please see Angela Perry or Robin Hauth if you would like to volunteer to assist with the children's games or crafts, or have any new ideas for games, crafts or decorations for the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Times are available for pastoral home visits. If you haven't yet done so, please use the link to SignUp Genius.** These visits will be about 45 minutes in length and are intended to facilitate an opportunity to talk about church and Sunday School attendance, family devotions, and Bible study. If you would like more time to discuss anything I will be happy to schedule another visit just for that. May God richly bless these visits that our fellowship in Christ may be strengthened. I look forward to visiting each of your homes. – Pastor Ulmer, **[Every Household Visits Sign Up](#)**

**The Church Council wanted to draw everyone's attention to our current financial situation.** For the fiscal year, we are running a deficit of \$5,494.90. For the calendar year, we are running a deficit of \$14,609.01. Please prayerfully consider increasing your household offerings in order to support the church and help those in need.

**Sanctifying your exercise routine with the Word of God...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Am I A Racist?", God's Suffering in the Old Testament, the Devil, Isolation & Depression, St. Michael and All Angels, Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships? and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

## **OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS**

**Luke 14:5 – "And he said to them, 'Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?'"** The time is always ripe to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law, something less than love, which was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear, but out of thanksgiving.

## **UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
<i>9/22/24</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study 3:00 PM – Adult Instruction
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Men's Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>
<i>9/29/24</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour

## **PRAYERS**

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in

