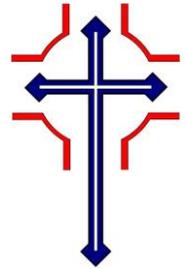


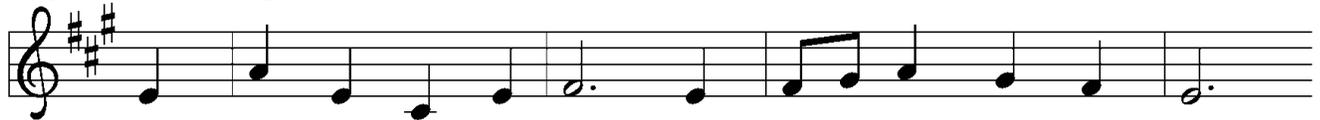
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington, IL  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 4, 2020**



Prelude  
Welcome

\*Hymn: "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

Red Book # 669



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

You may dip your finger in water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please keep silence for reflection*

Faithful God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**  
**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**  
**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**  
**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**  
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**  
**and turn us again to life in you**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

Peace:  
P As forgiven people, we have peace with God, and peace with one another.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C And also with you.**  
P Let us share that peace with one another. Please take a moment to share God's  
peace with those near to you, and say a prayer of peace for those at a distance.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C And also with you.**

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    C Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    C Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    C Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Hymn of Praise: "We Praise You, O God"

Red Book #870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSEER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenccklanck*, 1626

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**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And also with you

Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31**

<sup>10</sup>A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

<sup>12</sup>She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

<sup>14</sup>She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

<sup>15</sup>She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. <sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup>She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

<sup>18</sup>She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

<sup>19</sup>She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

<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.

**R** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:8-11**

<sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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**C** **Thanks be to God**



### Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

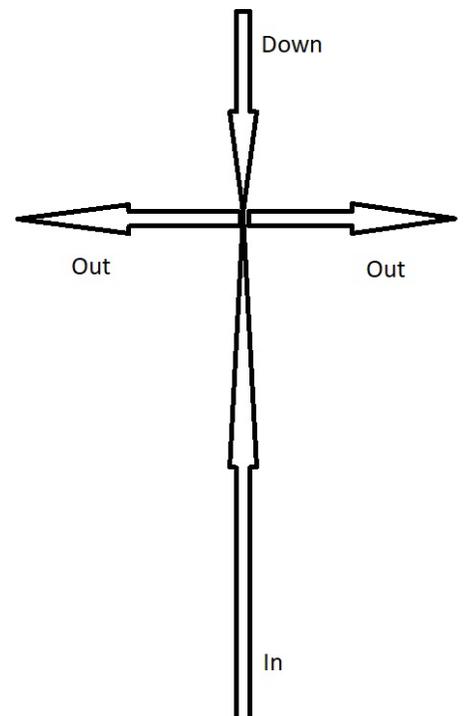
#### C Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>22</sup>He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. <sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord

#### C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon by Pastor John Rothfusz



Hymn: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Red Book # 694



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

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Apostles' Creed

**C: 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 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.**

**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.**

Offering: Jesus enters into our hearts and lives to make us new and lead us in his way. As people made new by his grace, we show our thanks and praise as we lift up our tithes and offerings to the Lord. Please take a moment now to make an electronic offering to the church on the website, with the Tithe.ly app or write a check and send it in.



Offering Hymn: We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Red Book # 681



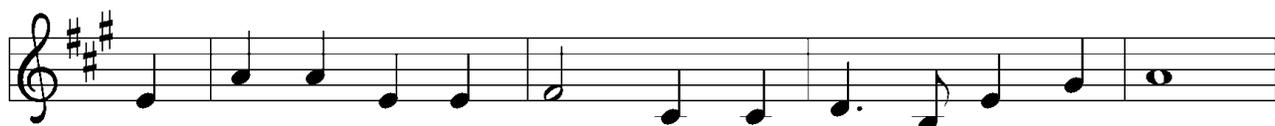
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

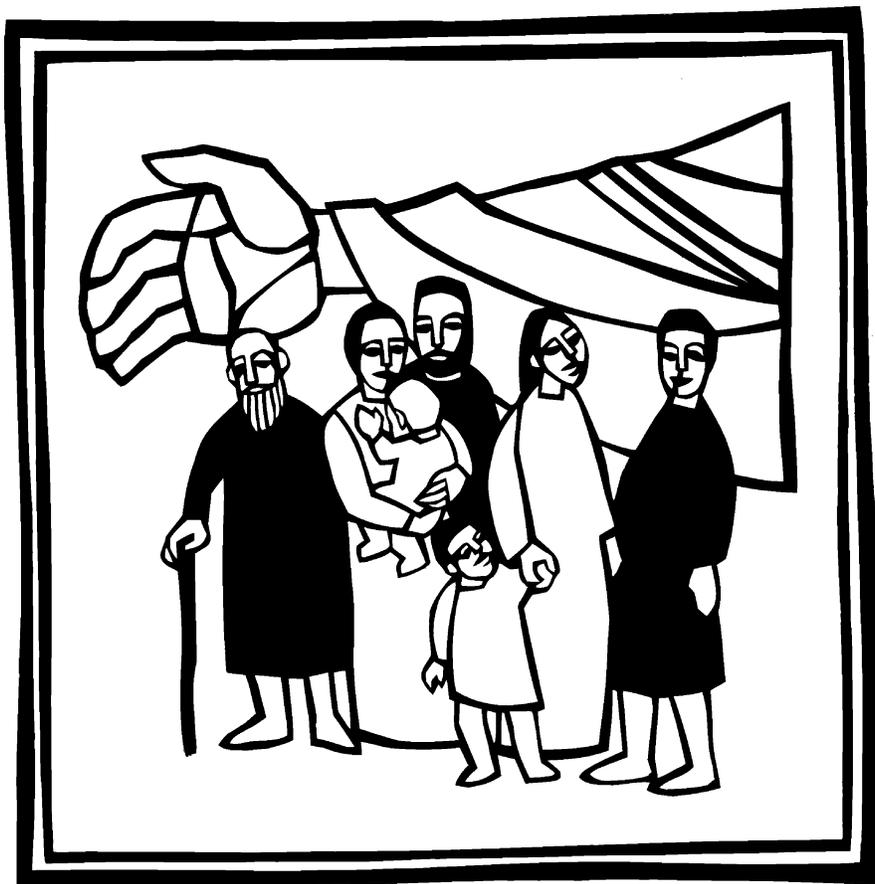


We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Prayers: After each portion of the prayers finishes with “Lord in your mercy,” please respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”

### **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**



### Announcements

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

Red Book # 763



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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\*Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

Postlude