

Faith SMALL AS A
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**St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran
Church & School**

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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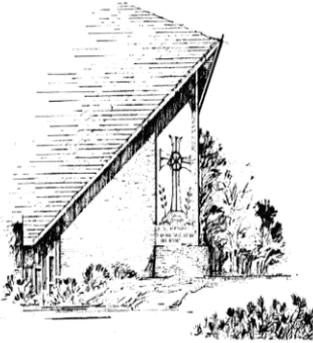
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*Worship for the 16th Sunday after Trinity
September 29 & October 2, 2022*

Hymn: #404 "Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven"

**1 Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n
That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown,
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.**

**2 Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne
And humbly sharing cross and crown.**

**3 Faith in the Savior brings us peace
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim
And give all honor to one name.**

**4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament
To trust the one whom you have sent.**

**5 As you have promised, grant each soul
Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy,
Eternal love and light and joy.**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

P: St. John says of our God: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

He also says: "We have one who pleads with the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." Therefore, upon this your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-8

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. ⁶Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

Verse of the Day: *(tune of CW, #404)*

**All: (sing) We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs;
This grace our ev’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:8-19

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise.

¹²And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered Isaac. This man, who received the promises, was ready to offer his only son, ¹⁸about whom it was said, “Through Isaac your offspring will be traced.” ¹⁹He reasoned that God also had the ability to raise him from the dead, and in a figurative sense, Abraham did receive him back from the dead.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

Hymn: #403 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

**1 I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in worldly wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,
And, trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.**

**2 Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed;
And led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow.
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.**

Sermon Text: Luke 17:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Watch yourselves.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. ⁴Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

⁶The Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at the table'? ⁸Won't the master tell him instead, 'Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink'? ⁹He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? ¹⁰So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.'"

“Increase Our Faith”

- I. Understand the reason for the request*
- II. Understand the response to the request*

Our Response to God’s Word

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you,
And let me there inherit All you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until your heav’n I gain,
Where I by your great mercy The end of faith attain.

Offering (Offerings may be placed into the plates in the narthex)

Prayer of the Church

P: God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

C: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

P: Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face shine upon us; that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

P: Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

C: Turn my eyes from worthless things; preserve my life according to your Word.

P: Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and the faithless. Bring back the forgetful and the wayward, and comfort the anxious and distressed.

C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

P: As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all.

C: The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. Amen.

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.

Hymn: #468 "My God, My Father, Make Me Strong"

**1 My God, my Father, make me strong,
When tasks of life seem hard and long,
To greet them with this triumph song:
Your will be done.**

**2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil
To show, where earthly forces fail,
Your pow'r and love must still prevail—
Your will be done.**

**3 With confident and humble mind
In service freedom I will find,
Praying through ev'ry toil assigned:
Your will be done.**

**4 What seems impossible I dare;
Yours is the call and yours the care.
Your wisdom shall the way prepare—
Your will be done.**

**5 Heav'n's music chimes the glad days in;
Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin;
Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win—
Your will be done!**

Closing Prayer

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #559 "Lord of the Living Harvest"

**1 Lord of the living harvest That ripens o'er the plain,
Where angels soon will gather Their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept our hands to labor, Our hearts to trust and love,
And be with us to hasten Your kingdom from above.**

**2 As lab'ers in your vineyard, Lord, give us work to do,
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for you,
To ask no other wages When you will call us home
Than to have shared the labor That makes your kingdom come.**

**3 Be with us, God the Father; Be with us, God the Son
And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.
Make us your faithful servants You rightly to adore,
And fill us with your blessing Both now and evermore.**

Members, Visitors & Guests— Welcome to St. Matthew’s!

May God by his Spirit show us today that by faith we Christians can do the impossible: we can live carefully, forgive freely, and serve humbly.

If you are visiting our service, please sign a “care card” in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Sunday—211 (50/171) Bible Study – 56

Offering Last Week—\$8,507.01 Sunday School – 24

(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,078.00.)

“With you I can charge against a battalion,

and with my God I can jump over a wall”

(Psalm 18:29)

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Jed and Elizabeth Kempel.
2. **Bible Class** Bible class today will begin at 9:15 a.m. We will continue a study of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
3. **Woman’s Bible Class** – The Women’s Bible Study (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) have started the new book “More Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*
4. **Scholastic Book Fair** The congregation is invited to stop in the school lobby & Mustang Café today and browse in between services and after the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 2. You can also shop before and after school during the week. **Books make wonderful gifts!**
5. **Special Chapel:** On October 6, Pastor Dan Sims will be with us to talk about the purpose of Christian Aid and Relief, which is our 1st quarter mission offering in our school. You are invited to attend our chapel services which are held Thursday morning at 8:05 a.m.
6. **Fall Arbor Day** Our playground area will receive a face-lift on Friday, October 7. This will be our Fall Arbor Day for grades 5

– 8. That morning we will receive 100 yards of wood shavings. The upper grade students will assist in this endeavor. Please wear older clothes, and bring wheel-barrow, scoop shovels, rakes, buckets and gloves. Our job that day is to spread the shavings! Members are invited to help us with this task. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thanks for your help!

7. **Pictorial Directory Update** The committee would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding with the issues we have encountered with the last pictorial photograph sessions. Our last session is Monday, October 3rd, primarily due to the cancellation of September 20th, however there are a few spots left, so if you would like to be included in the pictorial, this is your last chance. You may sign-up either Thursday evening after church or after the Sunday services. For the members who were photographed on September 9th & 10th, you will be contacted by Universal Church Directories to schedule a day and time to review your pictures. We have been told that this will be sometime late October or early November. Thank-you, *The Pictorial Committee*
8. **Service Opportunity for Ushers** – Will usher in worshipers, tidy up sanctuary after worship services, light candles, and other general ushering duties. No experience necessary; will serve on a team of three or four. Ushers will be men who are members and are high school age or older. Contact Bob Williams, call or text 608-751-0731 or email at alas52@yahoo.com
9. **The Choir from Luther Preparatory School** will be worshipping with us on Sunday, October 16, in both services. (A free-will offering will be taken for the choir.) A breakfast for the choir will be provided in the fellowship hall. (Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway if you can provide food items for the breakfast.) Volunteers are needed to prepare for this event. Please contact Mr. Proeber for further information.
10. **Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed!** According to our students, St. Matthew's serves the very best hot lunch ever. Over the years we have had many willing volunteers to help make this possible. We are looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up after lunch

on Wednesdays, especially Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10:30-1:00. Our volunteers become the most popular people in school and in exchange for your help, you will receive many thanks, smiles, high fives, and hugs! If you are interested, please contact Mr. Proeber or Jill Newlin.

11. **Evening Guild** will have their October meeting Monday the 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited, you do not have to be a guild member, you can be a guest!!! Besides a Bible study on another 'I Am' statement by Pastor and a business meeting, Lisa Thoni will be speaking to the group and sharing her first-time experience at the LWMS National Convention held in June in Rochester, New York. Our 2023 National LWMS Convention will be in LaCrosse, WI, in June of 2023. A wonderful experience if you have never attended one!!! Come and hear Lisa's account. Also, take a look at the calendar on the bulletin board and order yours TODAY!!!
12. **Fall Clothing Drive** The Evening Guild will have their Fall clothing drive on October 14th and 15th. If you have Fall or Winter clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, or shoes, boots, purses, household items, books or puzzles etc. these items may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, October 14th and until noon on Saturday, October 15th. We will then take all articles to "Twice is Nice" in Jefferson. All the proceeds go to help Lakeside Lutheran High School. If you have any questions, please call Sally Wellnitz at (608) 752-2037, Shari Scheibe at (608) 757-9467 or Betty Olson at (608) 754-7416.
13. **LWMS Fall Rally** please save the date for the LWMS fall rally which will be held at St. John's, Jefferson, on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (lunch served at this time) All ladies from our congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend this exciting mission awareness opportunity! Our guest speaker will be Mr. Sean Young, WELS Sr. Director of Mission Operations. He will be presenting our synod's initiative, "100 Missions in 10 Years." Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by October 6. The ladies at St. John's would like to have a count of the number staying for lunch, so please indicate that on the sign-up, as well. Registration and a light breakfast

begin at 8:00 a.m. Please consider joining us to learn more about the WELS initiative in opening up these missions!

14. **LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) 2023 Prayer Calendar** is available for purchase. "Music in Ministry" is the theme. It includes *monthly mission articles *monthly Bible passage* Missionary contact information* prayer requests. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Cost is \$10.00, checks made out to Evening Guild, or cash. Please give payment to Bev Boughton, Mary Howard, Linda Williams or Debbie Lenser. Orders and money due by October 16th.
15. **LWMS Mission Offerings** to coincide with the LWMS fall rally, we will be collecting mission offerings to send in to the circuit. Our circuit offerings will be going toward Asia Projects (World Mission project (and Children's Ministry Outreach (Home Mission project). These mission projects are generally not included in the synod mission budget, so your support is greatly appreciated! Please give your offering to Ann Janke by October 2, so they can be sent to the circuit treasurer in a timely manner for disbursement with the rest of the circuit churches' offerings.
16. **Save the Date for Our Fall Fun Festival/New Member Welcome** being held on Sunday, October 9 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Mustang Café, gym, and outdoors for Fall Fun Festival. We will have fall games, board games, cards, bags tournaments, pumpkin painting, photo booth, snacks, and fellowship! All ages are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!
17. **Trunk or Treat – We are looking for people to host a trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 21st from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Trunks can be decorated as much or as little as you want. If you are able to decorate a trunk, please sign up in the Narthex or the school lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Phillips.
18. **Trunk or Treat Candy Donations** We are looking for candy donations. If you can help in this way, you can bring your candy to the church office. Thank you!
19. **The October school newsletter and calendar** are available in the Narthex. Take one if you wish!

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Kathi Hendee

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt

10:30 a.m. – Jim Langkamp, Grant Langkamp

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Tom Timmermann

8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

10:30 – Trevor Sanchez

Next Week CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Jim Daley

8:00 a.m. – Mark Augsburg

10:30 – Doug McIlvain

Church Cleaning:

October 8, 2022 – Phil Fry & Tom Heth families

October 15, 2022 – Roger Howard & Corey Jackson families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Book Fair Ends Today

Monday

Evening Guild 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Sr. Choir 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Special Chapel 8:05 with Pastor
Sims (Christian Aid & Relief)

Worship with Lord's Supper
6:30 p.m.

Friday

Sprouts 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fall Arbor Day 9:30 a.m. (Parents
are welcome to attend and help.)

Saturday

Volleyball Tournament at
LLHS (TBA)

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Fall Festival/New Member Welcome
2:00-4:00 p.m.

100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS

WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

A WELS Home Missions initiative to plant
100 new home mission churches and enhance
75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.

wels.net/100in10



LWMS Fall Rally

Saturday, October 22

St. John's Lutheran Church
Jefferson, WI

8am - Registration and light breakfast

9am - Program begins

12:30pm - Lunch

Speaker:

Mr. Sean Young

Sr. Director of Missions Operations

RSVP: Ann Janke 608-563-4383