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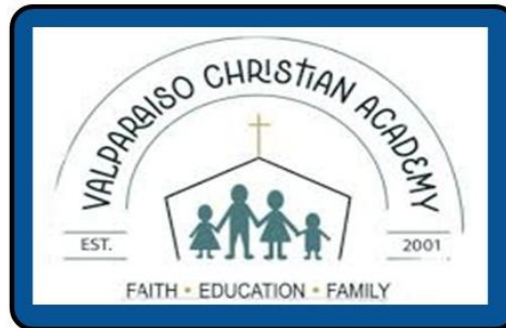
TOGETHER



IN MISSION



THROUGH FAITH



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
 August 10, 2025
 Children's Education Service

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the YELLOW card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you are new to Faith Lutheran or have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. White grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

Worship Guide

P | *Spoken By Pastor* **A** | *Spoken by Assistant* **C** | *Spoken by Congregation*

Greeting and Announcements

All who are able, stand

Opening Words and Songs:

P “We gather to worship God today in the name of...”

All: “God the Father who made us”
(point to the sky)

“God the Son who died on the cross to save us”
(make sign of the cross or put together fingers in the form of a cross)

“God the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts and loves us”
(hand(s) together over heart)

Song: “Father I Adore You” - TERRY COELHO

Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Spirit, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Trinity, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

“This is The Day That The Lord Has Made” – Les Garrett

This song is sung as a leader followed by an echo

1st time through – Leader and children sing,

2nd time Leader and everyone will sing

P This is the day,
C **This is the day**
P That the Lord hath made,
C **That the Lord hath made.**

P We will rejoice,
C **we will rejoice**
P And be glad in it,
C **And be glad in it.**

All: **This is the day that the Lord hath made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P This is the day,
C **This is the day**
ALL: **that the Lord hath made.**

Confession and Proclamation of Forgiveness

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor faces Congregation

For freedom Christ has set you free!

C Amen.

Song: The Lord Liveth and Blessed be my Rock - Tim Cook

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
who is worthy to be praised (echo)
So shall I be saved from my enemies, (echo)

Refrain: The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted
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Jesus Christ He died for me (echo)
And He took away my sins (echo)
I will live with Him for Eternity (echo)

Refrain:

Sit

Service of the Word

Salutation and Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer our service and testimony to your glory. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Bible Song: “The B-I-B-L-E yes that’s the book for me. I Stand alone on the word of God. The B-I-B-L-E. (what’s that spell) BIBLE!”

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God’s Covenant with Abram

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

By Faith

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-34

Do Not Be Anxious

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider 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! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

The Children's Message

The Children's Message continues as the Pastor and the VBS/Sunday School children share today's message with the congregation

During the introduction to the Children's Message, PRAYER/INFORMATION CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

VBS Children Song – Oh Happy Day

Backpack Blessing

All children in attendance are invited to join us up front to receive a prayer of blessing over them for the new school year.

Teacher and School Year Blessing

All VCA Teachers and Administrators & Sunday School teachers are invited forward to receive a prayer of blessing

Stand

Creed/Song: I Believe – Phil Wickham

(words on video)

Sit

Prayer of the Church

P (introduction)

After each portion of the prayers:

Prayer Response

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

As we bring our offerings before the Lord, we have been called to be reconciled to one another. Therefore, as a sign of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we look to one another and proclaim the following words (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

All who are able, stand

Greeting of Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And Also with You. Amen.

Offering/Song

Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

The musical notation is written on three staves in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text, which includes a repeat sign at the end. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Echo Prayer)

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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 upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Songs: (*Word on Video*) - *Led by Children*

Blessed Assurance

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

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Thank You!

Thank you for being here today!

Thank you for supporting this Ministry
& Christian Education for these Children!

And above all **thank God** who makes all this possible!

It is the combined time, talents, and treasures that God has given to the Faith/Valparaiso Christian Academy Family that help to shine the light of Christ on those who walk through the doors of this building and then back out into the community.

Our church and school staff, volunteers, congregation, and school families all play a vital part in continuing to provide a space for worship, Christian education for all ages, affordable childcare, and so much more here in this place. We encourage all of you to continually pray for each other and to share your thanks, support, and encouragement on a regular basis.

As a part of this Family of Faith please....

- Let our Church/School staff and prayer team know how can we pray for you?
- Share your stories with us of how you see God at work in your life in this family
- Let us know if there are ways you feel the Spirit may be leading you to volunteer or help continue and grow our ministry together.
- Share any questions you have or how we might better connect and serve together.

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