

Sunday Morning Worship

September 3, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Power of the Cross

arr. Carol Tornquist

The Call to Worship

We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Christ.

By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to Your Word.

Teach us to serve You with all our gifts and talents. Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

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*The Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins:

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we live in a culture that is reluctant to admit guilt, assume responsibility, or ask for forgiveness. But we know we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. God readily forgives the sins of those who humbly repent. Know this: God forgives us all our sins and desires us to walk in newness of life, to our great benefit and to God's eternal glory! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

The Special Music

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

page 64 OT

The New Testament Reading

Romans 12:9-21

page 215 NT

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

page 24 NT

The Sermon

Rev. Michael Hahn

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

hymnal page 15

*The Hymn

O God, Our Faithful God

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Offertory John Ness Beck

*The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise 539

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude Benedictus Karl Jenkins

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeters: The Rousseau Family

Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Coffee Hour Host: Carol Poole & Friends

Thank you, Deanna Patton, for filling in as our musical accompanist today.

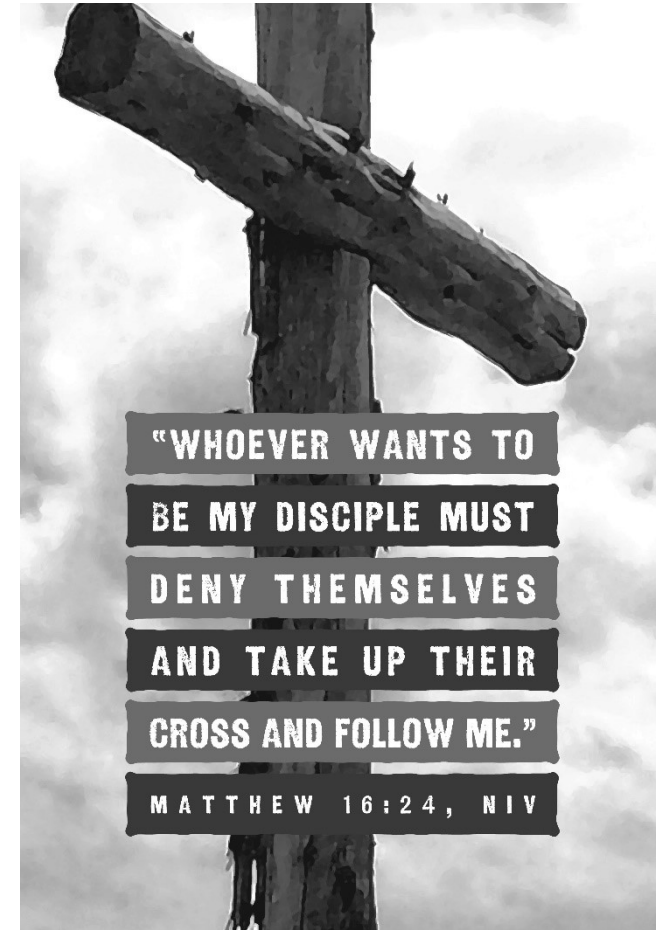
We welcome Reverend Michael Hahn to our pulpit today. Rev. Hahn served Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church for 20 years retiring in 2015. Rev. Hahn achieved a B.A. in Sociology and a M.A.Ed. in Language Development from Washington University. After completing a Master of Divinity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, he was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Thank You Reverend Hahn for filling our pulpit.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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