

## June 28, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Bread of Life/Service of the Word Summer Worship

# We welcome you with open arms and open hearts

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Because you're here, you're part of the family—welcome.

Young children are welcome in the service.

If you are new to Faith we would like to be in touch with you. Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

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## God Gathers The Body Of Christ

**Prelude** 

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Welcome

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

(AM: Prayer Requests and Service Announcements.)

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)

**Gathering Hymn** 

"God Is Here"

ELW #526



#### Greeting

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you!

PM: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

All: A people holy to the LORD our God.

PM: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

All: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

PM: One does not live by bread alone,

All: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray.

All: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## God Speaks To Us In The Word

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 28:5-9

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah chapter 28:

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

(Lector: give directions for psalm responses)

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

## <sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

- <sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup>'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- <sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- <sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup>Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

#### **Second Reading**

Romans 6:12-23

Lector: A reading from Romans chapter 6:

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you,

since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... C: Thanks be to God.

Kid's Talk Pastor Paul Anderson

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172
Halle, halle, halle-lujah, Halle, halle, halle-lujah.
Halle, halle, halle-lujah. Hallelujah.

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 10, beginning on verse 40:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

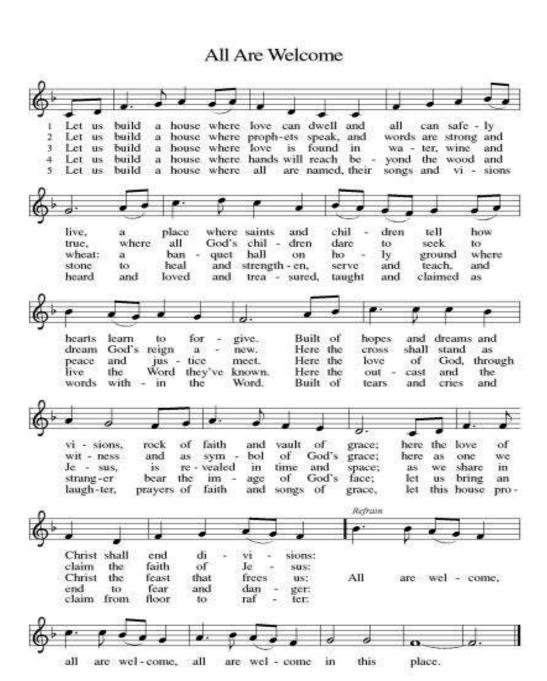
When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ!

**Sermon** Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song "All Are Welcome" ELW #641



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#### **Response to the Word** (Creed)

WOV page 79

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

All: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

All: 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 again 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.

#### Confession

PM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; Jude 20

All: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

PM: Keep yourselves in the love of God; Jude 21

All: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: 2 Cor. 5:17

All: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!

PM: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All: Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

PM: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for confession and reflection)

PM: Most gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PM: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

All: Amen.

#### The Prayers of the Church

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned (*especially*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Pass the Peace**

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

#### All: And also with you.

Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.

**The Offering** "For t

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679 v. 1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

#### **Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray,

All: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

### Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God "loves you to death" and is present to, in, and through you now and forever Communion will be served in individual portions.

(Raise your hand if you didn't pick one up upon entering the church)

#### **Words of Institution**

WOV page 37

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which.....

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### All: Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

PM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: 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.

#### **Distribution**

#### **Post Communion Blessing &Prayer** (PM)

S&S page 202

PM: God of the welcome table,

All: In this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Blessing (PM) S&S page 202

PM: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor thing to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us for the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.** 

#### **Announcements for the congregation**

**Sending Song** "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

ELW #848

#### Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793 **Dismissal** ELW page 222

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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