



***July 12, 2020***

***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***Bread of Life/Service of the Word***

***Summer Worship***

***Outside***

***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](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org).

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!**

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## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

**Prelude**

Colleen Southwick, 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** "Dearest Jesus at Your Word" ELW #520 Vv. 1,3,4

## Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed, All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, stc. 1-3; Gesongbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; fr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WER SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

## 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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## God Speaks To Us In The Word

### First Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector: A reading from Isaiah chapter 55:

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*(Lector: give directions for psalm responses)*

**Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13**

[<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**<sup>2</sup>To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

**<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

## Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Lector: A reading from Romans chapter 8:

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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. Hallelujah.**

## Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**L: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

## God, Whose Farm Is All Creation

1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i -  
 2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of  
 3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -

tude we give; take the fin - est of our har - vest,  
 sun and rain, all our think - ing, plan - ning, wait - ing,  
 dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,

crops we grow that we may live.  
 rip - ened in this fruit and grain.  
 take, O God: they are our prayer.

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Response to the Word (*Creed*)

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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.

*A brief silence.*



Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, care for all who are in need (*especially*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries (*especially*) and deepen relationships with the wider community. 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

AM: 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.**

## **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 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.**

## **Benediction**

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PM: Now may God who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work. **Amen.**

## **Announcements for the congregation**

**Sending Song**                    “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”                    ELW #547

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
 the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave,  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
 The sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
 the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve,  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race,  
 The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
 reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all,  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
 to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call,  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## Dismissal

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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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***Adult Study after worship (Via Zoom)  
Ephesians 3***

**Save the Date!  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, BBQ after worship  
Bring an outdoor game, hat, sunscreen  
And enjoy a delicious Hamburger or Hotdog  
Beverages and sides provided!  
Donations accepted for Youth Scholarships**

***Sapphire Lutheran Homes  
Concerts are cancelled***

**Are you interested in being an usher or lector?  
Please speak with the usher before or after worship.**