



August 23, 2020

12th 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!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Lina Gyles, 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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov-er-ment, his blood, sus-
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are -
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name,
 storm - y gale, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name,
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay,
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain
 On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
 Music: MRLITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Lector: A reading from Isaiah chapter 51:

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

(Lector: give directions for psalm responses)

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares, for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Lector: A reading from Romans chapter 12:

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may

discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

All: 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 16:13-20

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you

the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW #820

O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine,
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring.

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1870
 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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

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

“Faith of Our Fathers”

ELW #812

Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
if they, like them, should die for thee.
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Henry, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

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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Please call or email us with your prayer requests

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Prayers to all teachers and students, stay safe.

Prayers for healing: Sandy Russ, Nancy Marks, Ken Clark, Martha Carlson, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, John Trangmoe, Nancy Marks, Heidi, Luken, Gloria Mason, Larry Morris, Tenley, Amber Wood, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin, Shirley Hanson, LaVonne Beers.

Prayers for comfort: Kathleen.

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson, Bertie Henderson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis



August 17, 2020

We are ready eGiving (electronic giving, on line) is here!

The eGiving website is set up. Thanks to the hands of Heather Wintergerst, our Financial Secretary and Dean Drake. Thank you for your patience.

Beginning with this letter, I suggest you look at the form to be used (it is attached separately). You will need to create a profile the first time you sign in. Following are the instructions.

Here is how to navigate to the "eGiving" link:

1. Call up your browser for the internet.
2. Go to the FLC website: <https://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org/>
3. **Scroll down to the bottom of the page**
4. On the left-hand side notice "**Links and Resources**"
5. "**eGiving**" is on the top line under "Links and Resources"
6. Click on "eGiving"
7. A new tab opens on your browser titled "Donation" and you are now on the "Faith Lutheran Church Online Donation" page.
8. From here, you can create a profile, log in and set/modify donation parameters.
9. To exit, click on "Return to our Home Page" on the upper left side of the page

Included is a copy of the form. There is 2 pages to the form. For me to get all of the form the second and third page is really one page.

A couple of things to be aware of:

- There is an automatic charge for each donation.
 - **For Checking or Savings = 1% + \$0.45** example $\$200 \times 0.01 = 2 + 0.45 = \2.45
 - **For Credit/Debit Card = 5% + \$0.45** example $\$200 \times 0.05 = 10 + 0.45 = \10.45
- If you are so inclined, we would appreciate your donation to include these charges.
- If you request your money transfer in 2 days or less there is an extra charge of \$0.40.

You will be emailed a receipt. Double check it, make sure any recurring payments are set up correctly.

Mobile app is coming!

I will be available most Sundays to answer questions or by phone at 531-0424.

Sandy Russ

Steward of Finance