



***September 20, 2020***

***16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
w/Lutheran's Restoring Creation***

***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, your 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**

Scott Southwick

**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** "Sing Out, Earth and Skies" W&P #126 Vv. 1,2,4,5

**Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us O Righteous One;**

**Come, and bring ur love to birth:**

**In the glory of your Son.**

*Refrain*

**Sing out, earth and skies!  
Sing of the god who loves you!  
Raise your joyful cries!  
Dance to the life around you!**

**Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with righteousness;  
Teach us all to sing your name:  
May our lives you love confess. *Refrain***

**Come, O God of snow and rain: shower down upon the earth;  
Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sorrow, god of mirth. *Refrain***

**Come, O Justice, come, O Peace: come and shape our hearts a new;  
Come and make oppression cease:  
Bring us al to life in you. *Refrain***

**The Kyrie** (*Spoken*)

ELW page 193-194

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

**All: And also with you.**

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

AM: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of  
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

AM: For Faith Lutheran Church, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## God Speaks To Us In The Word

Preface to the Word (*sung*)

ELW# 512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

**First Reading:**

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Lector: A reading from Jonah chapter 3:

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

*(Lector: sung twice)*

**Psalm 145:1-8**

“The Lord is Gracious”

J Vickery

# The Lord Is Gracious

Text from Psalm 145:8-9 B5

Music By: J. Vicke

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It consists of 12 staves of music. Above the first staff, the chords C, G, Am, F, C, G, F, and F are listed. The lyrics are: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. And the Lord is good to all. And His mercy is over all that He has made. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Sing 2 times

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Lector: A reading from Philippians chapter 1:

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

All: Thanks be to God.

Kid’s Talk

Nancy Osborn

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW #174

Gospel Acclamation  
*Celtic Alleluia*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Alleluia'. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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## Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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 & Forgiveness**

Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who so loves the world and all who live in it. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

PM: Reconciling God,

**All: we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.**

PM: Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your

burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the Church

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

ELW# 751

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.**

## Prayers of the Church

Savanna Sullivan

Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda

Elle Dowd Rev. Jesse Canniff-Kuhn

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. As we reflect upon our relationship with your creation. Keep us open to learn about environmental issues and concerns, and the courage to advocate for and protect all that has been entrusted to us. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

In recent days, even the ground under our feet has begun to tremble, reminding us that we live together in a fragile community of life. For our own community, our city and state, we pray: God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need (*especially*). God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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** “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” WOV #759 Vv. 1&3

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.**

**We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.**

**Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares**

**we lift in prayer before you.**

**Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

**The Offering Prayer**

Rev. Sarah Locke

AM: Loving Creator,

**All: All Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as it is in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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.***

***Directions for communion.***

### **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 he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
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**

PM: And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

PM: Let us pray,

**All: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin

PM: Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things, who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace + and purpose. **Amen.**

## **Announcements for the congregation**

**Sending Song** "Go, My Children With My Blessing"

ELW #543

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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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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***Pray for our Members and Friends...***

***Prayers to all teachers and students, stay safe.***

**Prayers for healing:** Clyde, Karla, Wolfe Family, Sonia Stanfill, Julie Belcher, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Heidi, Luken, Gloria Mason, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin, Shirley Hanson.

**Prayers for comfort:** Family and friends of LaVonne Beers, Deb Cathey, Kathleen Gazarra

**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