



**October 4, 2020**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Fall Worship*

*Pet Blessing will follow the service*

***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.

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

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## God Gathers The Body Of Christ

**Prelude**

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

Celeste Pogachar

**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** "The Church's One Foundation" ELW #654 Vv 1,4,5

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms - rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued,  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest,  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

## **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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us  
by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are  
right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **God Speaks To Us In The Word**

### **Preface to the Word** (*sung*)

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

W&P #95

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## *Prayer of St. Francis*



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
 where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re



and where there's doubt, true faith in you,  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Text: Sebastian Temple  
 Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple  
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**First Reading:**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector: A reading from Isaiah chapter 5:

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*(Lector: give directions for psalm responses)*

### **Psalm 80:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector: A reading from Philippians chapter 3:

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Kid's Talk**

Pastor Paul Anderson

Gospel Acclamation  
*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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## Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other



tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Sermon Song** “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

ELW #769

## If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTTE, Georg Neumark  
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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**

“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.**

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard.  
Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and  
service. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for  
those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who  
hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your  
creation (*especially Francis of Assisi, whom we commemorate today*). God  
of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of  
others. Grant that world leaders (*especially*) seek the fruits of the kingdom  
for the good and welfare of all people. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your  
presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies  
aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who  
are struggling today (*especially*). God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard (*especially Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society*). May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of 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** “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” ELW #691Vv. 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**

AM: Let us pray,

**All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**

**You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.**

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,**

**nourish us with this rich food and drink,**

**and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering**

**world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and**

**Lord. Amen.**

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## **Benediction**

PM: May the peace of God be in your heart,

The grace of God be in your words,

The love of God be in your hands,

The joy of God be in your soul,

And in the song that your life sings. Amen.

## **Announcements for the congregation**

**Sending Song**

**“On Our Way Rejoicing”**

**ELW #537**

## On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
 un - to God the Sav - ior; thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Allegretto*  
 On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
 hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Mossell, 1811-1875; alt.  
 Music: HERMAN, Frances K. Havergal, 1836-1879

## 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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***Pray for our Members and Friends...***

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

**Prayers for healing:** Ann & Dallas, Reyel, Virginia R. with Covid - Karen, Susanna Murphy, Annabelle, Clair and Judy - AJ, Tommy, Dennis Kimzey, Maggie Erickson, Fran Dunbar Julie Belcher, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Heidi, Luken, Gloria Mason, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin

**Prayers for comfort:** Kathleen Gazarra, Ginsburg Family Lina Gyles for Ashley, Suzanne and Hunter

**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

**Worship Assistants - October 4, 2020**

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