



May 16, 2021

Easter 7

ELW 3

***We welcome you with
open arms and hearts!***

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

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 faithlutheran59840@gmail.com.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

(A Time for Mediation and prayer)

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

Tom Anderson, Guitarist

Call To Worship

Celeste Pogachar

Greetings & Prayer Requests

AM: 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!

AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. (Today we are using ELW Setting 3, found on page 138 of the red hymnal)

Gathering Hymn

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW # 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

ELW p. 94

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

PM: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PM: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, Our sins are forgiven.

All: Amen

The Kyrie (*spoken*)

ELW p. 138

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, for 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 this holy house, 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.**

The Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast”

ELW p.140

Prayer of the Day

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

AM: let us pray.

All: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own,

and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God Speaks To Us in the Word

The First Reading (Sparks Bible p.500) Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 1:

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1 (*lector: give response directions for congregation*)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s
teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

The Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Lector: a reading from First John, the 5th Chapter:

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word...

C: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospel Reading**John 17:6-19**PM: The Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter:**All: Glory to you O Lord!**

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

PM : This is The Gospel of the Lord
All : Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

“Come Now, O Prince of peace”

ELW #247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Ososŏ, Ososŏ

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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The Apostles' Creed

ELW p. 105

AM: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

(AM: please be seated for the prayers)

The Prayers of the Church

ELW #232

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

**“Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you” (x2)**

A brief silence.

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need (*especially*). Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities (*specific concerns may be named*), fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the

assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**“Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you” (x2)**

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

“We Are An Offering”

ELW #692

(Lyrics will not be projected. Please refer to red hymnal)

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray. God of love,

All: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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

Words of Institution

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

**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: Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you!

Blessing:

PM: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.

All: Amen

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Wellspring of joy,

All: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us Into The World

Benediction

PM: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
Walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
Stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
Open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song “Son of God Eternal Savior” ELW #655
(lyrics will not be projected. Please refer to red hymnal)

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God!**



Postlude

Pray for our Members and Friends...Please call or email us with your prayer requests.

Prayers for safety and healing: Pastor Paul, Terry Smith, Ann Marie, Gail Lewis, Mary Jane, Richard Castor, Terilee, Darcie Darlington,

Prayers for comfort: friends and family of Dale Brady.

Discovery: Clara Felton

Beehive: Yvonne Olson, Morrie Mitteness

Valley Veiw Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today May 16th

May 23rd

Accompanist	Amber Richardson	Susan Peterson
Guitarist	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
Call To Worship	Celeste Pogachar	Maizie Mandenall
Ushers	Sandy Russ	Youth
Lector	Deb Cathey	Emma Mitchell
Assisting Minister	Celeste Pogachar	Josie VanDenburg
Projection	Will Heitmann	Will Heitmann
Video	Tommy Denny	Rick Brown

MAY 16, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Eavesdropping can nurture the Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Mathias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	David's psalm of praise
Friday	Colossians 4:2-6	Never give up praying
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way of happiness
Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." John 17:11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Protecting God, you know the challenges in our daily lives; give us courage to love others and to trust you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we use this food to strengthen our bodies to serve others through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe through Christ our Lord.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Guide My Feet

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS 

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a moment when you overheard a conversation not intended for you.
- Have you ever overheard someone pray? If so, what was that like for you?
- Jesus’ disciples overheard him praying. How do you think that influenced their faith?



DEVOTIONS 

Read: John 17:6-19.

Jesus is praying for believers, present and future. The context of this prayer is helpful: the disciples overhear everything Jesus says. It is fascinating how often Christians can think back and recall moments when they overheard parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, or even strangers express their faith in ways that strengthened the eavesdropping individual. A grandparent praying or someone simply talking candidly about their faith in Christ in a way that was not trying to force on the eavesdropper a particular conviction can strengthen one’s faith. Jesus’ disciples overheard Jesus and recorded his words, his prayer, for the church. This recorded prayer acknowledged that Jesus is one with God the Father and that Jesus’ disciples will be protected by God and cared for by one another. That is a candid message worthy of overhearing. When have you overheard someone say something that encouraged your faith in Christ? When might someone overhear you and be strengthened for a life of faith?

Pray: **Loving God, strengthen us in our faith and guide us to walk in love with brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE 

Psalm 1 makes it clear that who you gather with or who your friends are impacts your own journey in life. Being with people who are kind helps us to follow their example. Think about someone you know who is kind and in what ways they show kindness. How can you show kindness and compassion this week?



RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 

Jesus knew he was going to die soon so he prayed aloud for himself and his friends. One of the benefits of you praying aloud is that others get to hear or “overhear” your words. “Faith is caught more than it is taught” is a principle of faith formation. Make it a practice this week to pray aloud for your friends and family, even when you are alone—or think you are alone. Say prayers for what is special about your friends and ask God to protect and bless them.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go

to: www.milestonesministry.org