

May 30th, 2021

Easter 9
TRINITY SUNDAY
Now the Feast and Celebration
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 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

(Now the Feast Liturgy is located inside the back cover of the red hymnal.)

Prelude

(A time for prayer and meditation)

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist Tom Anderson, Guitarist

Call To Worship

Pastor Paul

Welcome and Prayer Requests

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: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. No formal offering will be taken today, please leave in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.

Faith is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, serving and growing in Christ's name

If the words to the songs or liturgy are not projected, Please refer to the red hymnal.

Gathering Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW#413

(Perm req)

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

PM: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

PM: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Kyrie (Sung) NtF p. 3

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

Refrain:

All: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

AM: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,

for the unity of all, let us pray to the.... (Refrain)

AM: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the...(*Refrain*)

AM: Help, save and defend us, O God.

All: Amen.

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Prayer of the Day (Sung)

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AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

AM: Let us pray. (Spoken)

All: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(AM: please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading (for kids: Spark Bible p.510) Isaiah 6:1-8

Lector: A reading from the 6th chapter of Acts:

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This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance

above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Psalm 29

Lector: give response directions for congregation

Psalm: Psalm 29

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Lector: A reading from the 8th chapter of Romans:

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Kids' Talk Pastor Paul

(AM: Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

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All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:1-17

PM: The Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter:

All: Thanks be to God

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

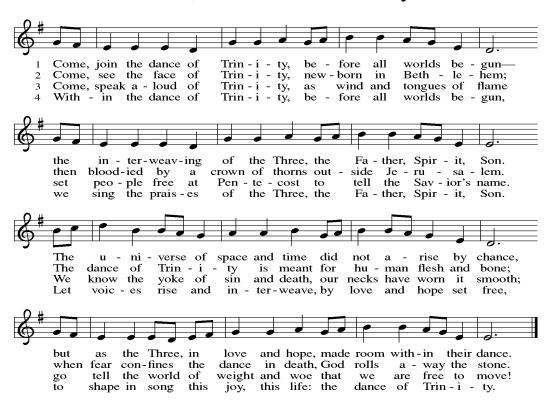
Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

(AM: Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day)

Hymn of the Day "Come Join The Dance of Trinity" ELW#412

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



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We Respond To God's Word

The Apostles' Creed (AM leads)

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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."

A brief silence.

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. 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."

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.

Offering

"As the Grains of Wheat"

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Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill Were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth Be gathered into one in you.

Verse 1) As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, May we share the presence of your love. (Refrain)

Verse 2) Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come, When all creation shares this feast with you. (Refrain)

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

The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Lord's Prayer:

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

PM: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba we 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: 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.

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

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Sending Song "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" ELW#414 (Perm req)

God Sends Us Into The World

Dismissal

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today May 30th	June 6 th	
Accompanist	Pastor Paul	_
Call To Worship	Deidra Markette	
Ushers	Deb Cathy	
Lector	Deb Cathy	
Assisting Minister	Rick Brown	
Projection	Scott southwick	
Video	Tommy Denney	

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests.

Prayers for safety and healing: Richard Castor, Dan and Jodi Mithcell, Terilee, Darcie Darlington, Garrett Park, Kerry Lee, **Prayers for comfort:** Family and friends of Elaine Wasem

Discovery: Clara Felton

The Beehive: Yvonne Olson, Morrie Mittness

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Charles Olson, Kathleen Gazzara Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: George Davis

At Home: Bertie Senn

Please let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.

This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.

Please feel free to resubmit.

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

Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A vision of God
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-17	Life in the Spirit

Wednesday Luke 1:46-56 Mary's song of praise

Thursday Psalm 103:1-14 Thanksgiving for God's goodness

Friday John 15:12-15 Jesus calls us friends

Saturday Psalm 29 The voice of God

Sunday Mark 3:20-35 Doing the work of God

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And one [angelic figure known as a seraph] called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, give us courage and hope to live each day through Jesus Christ born in us through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Creator God, for the beauty of the earth and for this food, the fruit of the earth that we are able to eat this day, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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:

- When you hear the world, "holy," what do you think of?
- How is God more than a "good buddy" who gets me through tough times?
- How does God's holiness strengthen you in your daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 6:1-8.

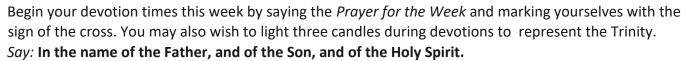
We live in an age when we can often envision God for us as a close and warm friend. That image is reinforced for us in John 15:15 when Jesus describes his followers as "friends." However, even in the John passage, there is an expectation of obedience, not just coziness. In Isaiah, the sense of reverence, awe—even deep fear—is present as Isaiah accepts his call as a prophet of God. In this dramatic moment in the temple with God and Isaiah present together, there are angels that have appearances that look like snakes and lions that can fly around with wings. It is a scene in which Isaiah responds with the words, "Woe is me" (v. 5). Trinity Sunday reminds us of God in three persons. A danger in such language is to assume that with such words we can really grasp the totality of who God is. Isaiah reminds us of the total otherness of God that is filled with power, might, judgment, and holiness. Jesus makes God accessible and personal. Trinity Sunday can remind us that our intimate relationship with God remains filled with awe and wonder. God is filled with glory, strength, majesty, and holy splendor (Psalm 29). Describe what this means to you and your faith.

Pray: Awesome God, you who are far beyond what I can imagine, I thank you for reaching out to me and to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and saving grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Psalm 29 gives many images of the power and awesomeness of God. As followers of such a mighty God, you are entrusted with divine powers of love to serve your neighbor near and far. How can you use God's divine power of love to serve others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



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