



June 13th, 2021

Pentecost 3

Youth Sunday

**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

Prelude

Call To Worship

Josie VanDenburg

Welcome

AM: The grace and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love and wisdom 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

Prayer of the Day

AM: Please pray with me.

All: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering song)

Gathering Song “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

**Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God,
Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess you are God. One Day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly thank you now.**

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Passing of the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

All: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen

PM: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen

Song of Praise “Oh, Our Lord and King”

Refrain: **Oh, our Lord and King our praise to you we bring.**

There is no other rock like you.

Seated high above, you are the one we love.

This is our song of praise to you.

(Last time: This is our song of praise to you.)

- 1) **King Forever, you are the first and you’re the last.
You are sovereign. All your commands will always come to
pass to give you glory. (R:)**
- 2) **Who is like you? Who else is worthy of our praise?
We exalt you. You reign in majesty and awesome splendor,
King Forever. (R:)**
- 3) **Abba Father, your steadfast love will never fail.
You are faithful. You are God and I will worship in your
courts forever. (R:)**

God Speaks to Us in The Word

(AM: please be seated for the readings)

The First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Lector: A reading from the 17th chapter of Ezekiel:

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 92

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Lector: Today's psalm is Psalm 92

(Give directions for response)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to
your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Lector: A reading from the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians:

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—
⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Kids' Talk

Josie VanDenburg

Gospel Acclamation **“Lord of the Dance”**

VERSES

1.I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
 2.I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3.I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame, the
 4.I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black, it's
 5.They cut me down and I leap up high,

1.danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 2.would not dance and they would-n't fol - low me,
 3.ho - ly peo - ple, they said it was a shame, they
 4.hard to dance with the dev - il on your back, they
 5.I am the life that -I nev - er, nev - er die, I'll

1.came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth, at
 2.danced for the fish - er - men, for James and for John, they
 3.whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they
 4.bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 5.live in you if you'll live in me,

1.Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 2.came with me and the dance went on.
 3.left me there on a cross to die.
 4.I am the dance and I still go on.
 5.I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

REFRAIN

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be. I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he. I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, I will

lead you all in the dance, said he. dance, said he.

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

PM: The holy gospel according to 4th chapter of St. Mark,
beginning at the 26th verse:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Pastor Paul Anderson

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

Hymn of the Day

ELW# 712

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

1. Lord, whose love in humble serv - ice Bore the
 2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less, Still the
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice, Forth in

weight of hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for -
 hun - gry cry for bread. Still the cap - tives long for
 love's re - veal - ing light In its height and depth and
 your great name we go To the child, the youth, the

sak - en, Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed: We, your
 free - dom, Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you,
 great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight, Mak - ing
 a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show. Hope and

ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of
 Lord, in deep com - pas - sion, Healed the
 known the needs and bur - dens Your com -
 health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,

voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se - crat - ing
sick and freed the soul, Use the love your
pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,

to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know, and live.

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We Respond to God's Word

Statement of Faith

All: We believe in God, who is the trunk of our tree, who is ever present throughout our life and supports us endlessly with grace and love even when we may not always be aware of his presence.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, who reached out to us like the branches of a tree to teach us God's lessons and die on his own tree for our sins.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is like the sunbeams that shine down on us every day and guides us to grow and share our trees' cooling and forgiving shade with others.

And we believe in the power and the support of the Three in One and the entire church, who is the forest and ecosystem in which we flourish and who will be ever present in our continued growth and flourishing. Amen

-Written by Josie VanDenburg

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you especially those we name aloud and in our hearts (insert names). Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians especially Colleen, Amber, Susan, Celeste, Tom, and many others. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

All: Amen.

The Offering “We Are an Offering” ELW #692

Jesus Comes to Us In His Supper

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

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

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

The Distribution

*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. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you! **Communion will be served in individual portions.***

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Let us pray, O God

All: You have nourished us by this meal and have made us to be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. We will not fear when heat comes as you will make our leaves are evergreen. We will have no worries in a year of drought and will never fail to bear fruit because blessed are the ones who trust in the Lord. Amen

-Written by Josie VanDenburg

Announcements

Benediction (AM)

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

God Sends Us into The World

Sending Song

“We Are Called”

ELW# 720

1) **Come live in the Light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

We are called to be light for the Kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

(Refrain:) **We are called to act with justice, We are called to love Tenderly:**

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

- 2) **Come, Open your heart! Show God's mercy to all those in fear!**
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will
be no more. (R:)
- 3) **Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
united in love. (R:)

Sending

PM: As God sends us out into the world to have us grown
and let him to guide us to do his endeavors of
acceptance, good, love, and wisdom.
Peace be with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen

Postlude

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Please call or email us with your prayer requests.

Prayers for safety and healing: Clara Felton, Pastor
Steve Van Gilder, Terry Smith, Ann Marie, Mary Jane,
Richard Castor, Terilee, Darcie Darlington.

Prayers for comfort: friends and family of Randy Keith

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson, Morrie Mitteness

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

At Home: Bertie Senn

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

	Today June 13th	June 20th
Guitarists	Rick Brown Tom Anderson	Colleen Southwick Tom Anderson
Call To Worship	Josie VanDenburg	
Ushers	Youth	Deb Cathey
Lectors	Emma Mitchell	Sandy Russ
Assisting Minister	Josie VanDenburg	
Projection	Will Heitmann	Scott Southwick
Video	Rick Brown	TommyDenney

**JUNE 13, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER**



The reign of God will not be stopped.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus
Monday	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Living by faith
Wednesday	Psalm 107:4-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Thursday	Acts 5:27-42	The apostles are persecuted
Friday	Zachariah 8:1-17	God's promises to Zion

Saturday Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 A song for the sabbath day
Sunday Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms the sea

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." **Mark 4:31-32 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, in Christ Jesus we thank you that by day and by night your reign of steadfast love and faithfulness will not be stopped. (Psalm 92:1-2)

Mealttime Prayer:

Nurturing God, for the seed that becomes the plant that supplies the food that shows your love, we give you thanks. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God bless you now and always. (Psalm 92:2)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

As Rain from the Clouds

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:

- Describe your experience with gardening and planting seeds.
- Think or talk about a time you have seen an act of kindness make a big difference in someone's life.
- Jesus describes the reign of God through images of tiny seeds and growth. In what way is this a message about God's kingdom?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:26-34.

With Jesus' depiction of the kingdom of God, one would expect comparisons to something like spectacular cedar trees of Lebanon (Ezekiel 17:22 and Psalm 92:12) or some other vision of grandeur. Jesus chooses something more akin to a weed, a mustard bush that is prolific in