

# June 20, 2021

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Bread of Life/Service of the Word Summer Worship

# 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 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.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

# **God Gathers the Body of Christ**

Prelude
Call to Worship

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Maizie Mendenall

#### Welcome

Am: The Lord be with you.

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.)

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn) move to left margin

**Gathering Hymn** 

"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

ELW #756

# Greeting

PM: 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!

PM: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

All: A people holy to the LORD our God.

PM: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

All: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

PM: One does not live by bread alone,

All: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

## **Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray.

All: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine, and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(AM: Please be seated for the readings) move to left margin

# God Speaks to Us in The Word

# First Reading: Job 38:1-11

Lector: A reading from Job, the 38<sup>th</sup> Chapter;

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where

were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, 11and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

#### Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

(Lector: give directions for congregation's response)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy en dures forever.

# <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

- <sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the Lord, God's wonderful works in the deep.
- <sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- <sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.
- <sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.
- <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah

## **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Lector: A reading from 2nd Corinthians, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter:

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also<sup>-</sup>

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV #671
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. (sing twice)

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ!

**Sermon** Pastor Paul Anderson

**Sermon Song** "When Peace like a River" ELW #785

## **Response to the Word** (Creed)

WOV p. 79

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

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)

# The Prayers of the Church

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

"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.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples.

Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory.

Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest (especially). Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice.

## Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another

## Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders (especially). Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly

# Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them.

# Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus 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.

# 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** 

Offering "Taste and See" ELW #493

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

## **Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray,

All: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we have received here, your body for the life of the world. Amen

#### **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: Lord, 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

#### **Invitation to the Meal**

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.

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

#### **Distribution**

Lamb of God ELW #195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Blessing**

PM: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and

journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen

## **Post Communion Prayer**

AM: Jesus, Bread of Life,

All: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen

#### **Benediction**

PM: May God the Father prepare your journey, Jesus the Son guide your footsteps, the spirit of Life strengthen your body, and the Three in One watch over you, on every road that you may follow.

#### **Announcements**

**Sending Song** "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" ELW #763

### **God Sends Us into The World**

#### **Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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# Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests.

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

Prayers for comfort: friends and family of Randy Keith Clara Felton, Allen Bjero,

**Discovery:** 

**Beehive:** Yvonne Olson, Morrie Mitteness

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

**At Home:** Bertie Senn **Incarcerated:** George Davis

Military:

# Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today June 20th		June 27th
Guitarists	Colleen Southwick	
	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
Call To Worship		
Ushers	Deb Cathy	Deb Cathey
Lectors	Sandy Russ	Deidra Markette
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carl Russ	Celeaste Pogachar
Projection	Cole Kimzey	Rod Pogachar
Video	Rick Brown	TommyDenney

JUNE 20, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus listens to and calms our fears.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	<b>How Paul served God</b>
Wednesday	Psalm 46:1-11	God is our refuge
Thursday	Genesis 17:15-21	Abraham and Sarah
Friday	Isaiah 41:1-10	Israel's assured of God's help
Saturday	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Mark 4:38 (NRSV)

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.

# **JUNE 20, 2021 HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Shepherd Me, O God



# 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 time you were scared.
- When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?

#### DEVOTIONS 🧼

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little



boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, "Don't you care that die?" Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea.



them all. They wake we are going to After noting their At this point in the

story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus?

Pray: Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# SERVICE 🌽

The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.

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