

## August 1 st, 2021

Celebration of Grace Pentecost 10

# We welcome you with open arms & open hearts!

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christcentered, 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.

## **God Gathers the Body of Christ**

**Prelude** 

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Presbyterian Hand Bells Prelude to Kelvingrove

## **Greeting, Announcements & 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. You may also fill out a response card, located on the table in the narthex. No formal offering will be taken today. Please leave offering in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our Call to Worship)

#### Call to Worship

from 1 John & St. Francis of Assisi

PM: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

All: We love because God first loved us.

PM: If someone says, "I love God," yet hates a brother or sister, that person is a liar.

All: For one cannot love God, who is not seen, if one does not love a brother or sister, who is seen.

PM: This, then, is the commandment that God gave us: anyone who loves God must also love a brother or a sister.

All: O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Amen

## **Gathering Hymn** "This is My Father's World" ELW # 824 Vv.1&3

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

  This is my Father's world;

  I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2. Bells only

3. This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

#### **Opening Response**

AM: In the name of the Father, and Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit we come,

All: We lift our voices in His praise and ask His will to be done.

Chorus: We sing alle, alleluia, Glory to our King.

We sing alle, alleluia, to the Lord of everything.

AM: Open our ears so we might hear Your word so sweet and true.

All: Open our hearts so we might receive the love pouring down from You. (Chorus 2x)

#### **Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray.

All: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Kyrie**

Refrain: Have mercy on us Lord, Christ have mercy on us all. Everywhere we go, answering your call.

- 1. All around the world, people gather in your name, Created by your hands, and in your eyes the same. (Refrain)
- 2. Forgive us all our sins, so to your table we may go, Sharing in your peace, your grace we all will know. (Refrain)

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

All: Holy One, trusting your love, we dare to be honest...
Our tongues speak of love, but our hearts hold anger;
our voices cry for compassion, but our hands withhold care;
you offer a path of light, but our feet lead us into darkness.
Forgive us these sins and those we can't reveal.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who died loving us, his enemies, and rose to call us friends.

PM: Dear friends, "God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love—not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son to offer his life to show it." (1 John 4:9-10) In Jesus' name, you are forgiven. Live in love. Walk in light. Amen.

(PM: Please be seated for the readings)

## God Speaks to Us in The Word

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

**Lector:** A reading from the 16th chapter of Exodus:

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

#### Psalm 78

**Lector:** Today's Psalm is 78:23-29 (*Give response directions to congregation*)

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

#### **Second Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

**Lector:** A reading from the 4th chapter of Ephesians:

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one

hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Kids' Talk Pastor Paul

**Gospel Acclamation** 

"Alleluia"

W&P #6, v.1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel John 6:24-35

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 6:

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always. 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

## Song of Thanksgiving

We have heard the voice of the Father, and we have seen our Savior's love.

We have felt the touch of the spirit, so let's give thanks to God.

Father, we give you thanks by laying before you our time and our talents, the fruits of our fields; our humble gifts to your kingdom's glory.

We are your servants, We'll give you our all.

**Bells Solo** 

**Breathe on Breath of God** 

The Apostles' Creed (AM leads)

ELW p. 95

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

#### **Prayers of the Church**

1. Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, For the church, O, Lord, hear our prayer...

Refrain: Lord, we pray the prayer that You taught us to pray, O, Lord please hear our prayer.

- 2. For the lost, O, Lord, hear our prayer, For our land, O, Lord, hear our prayer... (refrain)
- 3. For the sick and weak, hear our prayer From our hearts, O, Lord, hear our prayer... (refrain)

AM: Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. We remember those who are in need of healing and those who mourn *(especially...)*. Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people. We pray without ceasing, trusting that your word never returns empty and your mercy never fails. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power the Holy Spirit. **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

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679 v. 1

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

## **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 receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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

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

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.

#### **Distribution**

#### **Blessing**

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in his grace now and forever. Amen. And...may our Lord, Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

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

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

## **Benediction**

PM: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen

## **Hymn** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #596 Vv. 1&4 Bells only v. 2

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

#### Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

#### 1. Bells only

#### Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!

#### Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

#### **Sending Song**

AM: Now let your servants go in peace with a song of joy in our hearts,

All: Bless us and keep us safe from harm while we are apart.

We sing alle, alleluia, Glory to our King.

We sing alle, alleluia, to the Lord of everything. (repeat)

#### **Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

#### **Postlude**

#### Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today Aug 1st		Aug 8th	
Accompanist	Colleen Southwick	Youth	
Call To Worship	Scott Southwick	Youth	
Ushers	Judy Wilson	Youth	
Lector	John Trangmoe	Youth	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Scott Southwick	Youth	
Projection	Rod Pogachar	Will Heitmann	
Video	Rick Brown	Rick Brown	

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

Please call or email us with your prayer requests

**Prayers for safety and healing:** Wes and Andy, Rod Snook, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes, Eunice Romo, Brian Belcher, Mary Schmidt, Deb Cathey, Rick Brown, Pastor Steve Van Gilder, Richard Castor

Prayers for comfort: friends and family of Keith Robinson,

Clara Felton, Morrie Mitteness, Ken Cathey

**Discovery:** 

Beehive: Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

At Home: Bertie Senn

**Incarcerated:** George Davis

Military:

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AUGUST 1, 2021 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

It can be difficult for us to trust God.

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday John 6:24-35 Christ, the bread of life Monday Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Bread from heaven

	Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
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Wednesday Psalm 37:3-9 Trust the Lord
Thursday Matthew 6:25-34 Do not worry
Friday Proverbs 3:1-6 Trust God

Saturday Psalm 78:23-29 God feeds the people Sunday John 6:35, 41-51 Bread from heaven

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."

#### Exodus 16:9 (NRSV)

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust that through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you give us the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, our Bread of Life, give us thankful hearts for this gift of food and for all you do to care for us. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who feeds you bless you with a thankful heart.

#### **AUGUST 1, 2021**

#### **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

## 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:

- What is something you like to complain about?
- Have you ever gotten what you wanted and then regretted it or known someone who got what they wanted and were not grateful? Explain.
- How does trust in God lead to contentment?

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Read: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15.

The story of the Israelites in the Old Testament is unique to the ancient world. No other people were willing to be so self-critiquing. Other religious writings from other people were much more willing to be self-glorifying. Not the Israelites. They knew they were hard to please and not as trusting as they could be. Instead of thanking God for their freedom they acted as though God took them from the comforts of Egypt. They forgot that they were actually starving and dying at the hands of the Pharaoh. In this account, they don't even ask for help; they just complain. However, God hears the complaints of the people and steps in to care for them and feeds them morning and night. How has God blessed and fed you

during your mornings and nights?

Pray: Living God, help us to be aware of your sustains us day after day, morning and night

care that through Christ

our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

Ephesians 4 talks about the gifts we are given to equip us to serve our neighbor. We serve our neighbor and speak the truth in love with one another. This is the

way our congregations and families are strengthened and we grow together in the ups and downs of life. We care for each other. How can you serve your family, community, and congregation using your gifts?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The Daily Bible Readings this week from John, Exodus, and Psalm 78 all share a theme about bread and being fed. Gather a selection of different breads to serve this week with your meals. Use a different bread every day for each meal. Say the Mealtime Prayer for this week and while eating the bread think or talk about a way in which God has provided for you.

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