



***July 18th, 2021***

***Celebration of Grace***

***Pentecost 8***

***We welcome you***

***with open arms & 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](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com).

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

**Prelude**

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

Scott Southwick

### **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**

## 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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Lector:** A reading from the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Jeremiah:

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

## Psalm 23

**Lector:** Today’s Psalm is 23 (*Give response directions to congregation*)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures**

**and leads me be- side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## **Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-22

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

**Lector:** A reading from the 2nd chapter of Ephesians:

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one

Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

**Kids' Talk**

Pastor Paul

**Gospel Acclamation**      “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”      ELW #172  
**Halle, halle, halle-lujah, Halle, halle, halle-lujah!**  
**Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**The Gospel**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Mark chapter 6:

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once

recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

**The Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

### **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.**

**I am your servant, I'll give you my all.**

**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, 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)**

### **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

**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**

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**

## **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**

## **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 July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

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<b>Accompanist</b>	Colleen Southwick	Amber Richardson
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<b>Projection</b>	****	****
<b>Video</b>	Cole Kimzey	Tommy Denney

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*Next Sunday:*

*Join us for Christmas in July!*

*We will be singing many of your favorite Christmas carols at worship.*

*Pray for our Members and Friends...*

*Please call or email us with your prayer requests.*

**Prayers for safety and healing:** Deb Cathey, Rick Brown, 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 Bjergo

**Discovery:**

**Beehive:** Yvonne Olson, Morrie Mitteness

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

**At Home:** Bertie Senn

**Incarcerated:** George Davis

**Military:** Ashley White, niece of Paul and Lina Giles, 2nd Lt., Army, stationed in Cuba

*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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**JULY 18, 2021  
EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*In deepest darkness, God provides safety and comfort.*

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</b>	<b>Jesus teaches and heals</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b>	<b>God promises a righteous king</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:11-22</b>	<b>United by Christ</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 139:7-18</b>	<b>The Lord knows us well</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Romans 13:11-14</b>	<b>The day when Christ returns</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Colossians 1:9-14</b>	<b>The work of Christ</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:1-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>

## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)***

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

God of compassion and protection, give us peace and faith in knowing you are our shepherd who pursues us with your goodness through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Shepherding God, we thank you that you have provided this meal for us and promised us green pastures and still waters through Christ. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace and comfort all the days of your life.

**JULY 18, 2021**

### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Have No Fear Little Flock*

## 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 have you felt the need for protection or safety?
- When you feel you are in danger, who do you turn to?
- How do you experience God's care during difficult times?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Psalm 23.

It is good to read this beloved psalm, one that many people have known by heart. This intricately woven poem and prayer has only 58 words in the Hebrew language and very few words are repeated. At the very center are the words “*for you are with me*” (v. 4b). In the beginning,

middle, and end of this psalm, the Lord's presence and care is beautifully announced as part of our journey through life. This is true even—and especially—in our deepest darkness that can sometimes feel like being at the bottom of a valley. God is our shepherd who provides safety and comfort. In an ancient world that accentuated social honor and shame—experiences still very much with us today—our divine shepherd even leads us to a place of honor at a banquet before those who would shame us. Nothing but safety, comfort, and honor pursue God's people. God is our shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We, as ambassadors of Jesus, shepherd one another each and every day to offer safety, comfort, and honor all the days of our lives. When have you felt the presence of the Lord as your shepherd? *Pray: **Shepherding God, give us peace, safety, and good courage to go out with compassion to shepherd others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

## **SERVICE**

Many people looked to Jesus for teaching, healing and guidance. His ministry was very busy and demanding. Those in helping professions (teachers, doctors, counselors, social workers, pastors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, and others) have many demands placed on them. Their work can be very tiring and sometimes stressful. How can you can show your appreciation and support to someone in such a profession?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus took his disciples to a quiet place to rest (Mark 6:31-32). Spend some time in a quiet place for your devotional time this week. Light a candle to represent the presence of Jesus with you. Focus on the candle in your silence. Finish your quiet time by saying the Lord's Prayer.

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