



***July 25, 2021***

***9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***Christmas in July***

***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](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org).

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!**

---

## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

**Prelude**

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

Helen Fessler

**Welcome**

AM: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

*(AM: Prayer Requests, Response Cards, and Service Announcements)*

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

Gathering Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW #283 Vv. 1,3,4

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal be - comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be - glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to the God - in - the - high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*  
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: arr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; or, Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; or unknown, st. 2  
 Music: ADRISTE FIDELIS, arr. John Francis Wade

## 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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## God Speaks To Us In The Word

**First Reading:**

2 Kings 4:42-44

Lector: A reading from Second Kings, chapter 4:

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

**Psalm 145:10-18** (*Lector: give directions for psalm responses*)

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion  
endures through out all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all  
your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways**

**and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:14-21

Lector: A reading from Ephesians, chapter 3:

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Kids' Talk**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Emmanuel”

#36 W&P

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
his name is called Emmanuel.**

## Gospel

John 6:1-21

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw

Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Sermon Song**

“Love Has Come”

ELW #292

## Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noël's composés en langue provençale*, 1856

Text © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP), c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

### 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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Hear Our Prayer

ELW #178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:**

**Peace to all people, hope for each soul.**

**God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (*especially*). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*).

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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.*

**The Offering**

“What Child Is This?”

ELW #296 V. 3

## What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1857-1898  
 Music: GREENSLIEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

## 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

WOV page 37

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: Lord Jesus, 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, hospital and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **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.**

### **Distribution**

### **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**

Flames of the Spirit p. 92

PM: Now may God who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work. **Amen.**

## **Announcements for the congregation**

### **Sending Song**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW #290

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*  
be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

### Dismissal

ELW page 222

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*From Sundays and Seasons, copyright © Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #44168  
Livestream, CCLI License 614466*



## Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

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

**Next Week August 1<sup>st</sup>**

---

<b>Accompanist</b>	Amber Richardson	Colleen Southwick
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Helen Fessler	Scott Southwick
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandy Russ	Judy Wilson
<b>Lector</b>	Sandy Russ	John Trangmoe
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carl Russ	Scott Southwick
<b>Projection</b>	Will Heitmann	Rod
<b>Video</b>	Tommy Denney	Rick Brown

---

*Please sign up to serve on the Worship Assistants' clipboard in the narthex.*

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

*Please call or email us with your prayer requests*

**Prayers for safety and healing:** Brian Belcher, Mary Schmidt, Deb Cathey, Rick Brown, Pastor Steve Van Gilder, Richard Castor

**Prayers for comfort:** friends and family of Clara Felton, Morrie Mitteness,



Ken Cathey

**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.***



JULY 25, 2021  
NINTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*Jesus has a power people long to follow.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:1-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2 Kings 4:42-44</b>	<b>Elisha feeds one hundred</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:14-21</b>	<b>Christ's love for us</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Titus 3:1-11</b>	<b>Maintain good deeds</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 Peter 1:8-17</b>	<b>Suffering for doing right</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b>	<b>From death to life</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 145:10-18</b>	<b>The Lord is kind and merciful</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:24-35</b>	<b>Christ, the bread of life</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. John 6:2 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty and living God, we thank you for the way you feed us, heal us, and care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Just as you fed the five thousand on a hillside, we thank you for feeding us and caring for us today. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of abundance bless you with more than you can imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)



JULY 25, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy*

## 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 have been glad to be part of a crowd.
- Have you ever been afraid when you were part of a large crowd? Explain.
- What are some reasons you like being part of the crowd that follows Jesus?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 6:1-21.

By the beginning of John 6, Jesus had taught, turned water into wine, healed, and challenged Jewish authorities. The throngs are growing and five thousand have followed him to a hillside. Jesus looks at them, sits them down on a large grassy area, and feeds them like a shepherd tending his flock. His actions remind people of what Elisha (2 Kings 4:42-44) did when he fed large crowds. Jesus being on a mountain side and having powers over the waters of the Sea of Galilee (v.19) reminds others of a role like Moses. It is clear that people are attracted to Jesus and he cares for them with a power that people long to see, long to touch, long to be with. That is the power that has been given to the church to speak and work for people today in Christ's name. Christ's power continues to be present today so that others may follow in the footsteps of the one who brings us healing, hope, and salvation. What have you experienced that makes you want to be a follower of Jesus?

*Pray:* **Dear Jesus, we thank you for coming into our world and our lives to care for us and to feed us with your love. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish. We know that today in the world many people live with limited food and constant hunger. Give money or volunteer time at your local food bank or other organizations that help

those in need of food. Make a list of ways you can support people who do not have enough food.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul prays for the people, “*I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name*” (Ephesians 3:14-15). Prayer is a way to practice our faith. Think or talk about different ways to pray (standing, sitting, folded hands, kneeling). This week practice kneeling for prayer.

***Pray: Dear God, I ask to be filled with your presence and to know the love of Christ that he may dwell in my heart forever and ever. Amen.***

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)