



July 4, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Bread of Life/Service of the Word

Summer Worship

Patriotic 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'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.

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Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Lina Gyles, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Celeste Pogachar

Welcome

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

(AM: Prayer Requests and Service Announcements.)

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

Gathering Hymn "O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies"

ELW #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine E. Bates, 1859-1929.
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903.

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.

The Hymn of Praise “God Bless America”

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her

through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

**All: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim
the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the
apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace
in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen**

God Speaks to Us In The Word

First Reading:

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 2:

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today’s reading recounts God’s commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God’s word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm 123 (*Lector: give directions for psalm responses*)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

**²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Lector: A reading from 2nd Corinthians chapter 12:

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and

heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Kids’ Talk

Nancy Osborn

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Halle, halle, halle-lujah, Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Mark:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God’s word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with

us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson


Sermon Song

“Spirit of Gentleness”


ELW #396

Spirit of Gentleness


Refrain




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.




then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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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

AM: Let us come before the triune God in 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.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Let us pray, **have mercy O God.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Let us pray, **have mercy O God.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Let us pray, **have mercy O God.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel

faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (especially). Let us pray, **have mercy O God.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (local ministries may be named). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Let us pray, **have mercy O God.**

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

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

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!

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 for the congregation

Sending Song “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” ELW #890

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Musical score for the hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,
he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.
he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,
his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

Dismissal

ELW page 222

**AM: May God give you the grace and strength to love all people
and live in peace.**

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: Dan Cleveland, Jana, 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 Morrie Mitteness

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson

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

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today July 4th

July 11th

Accompanist	Lina Gyles	FLBC counselors
	Tom Anderson	
Call To Worship	Celeste Pogachar	
Ushers	Judy Wilson	
Lectors	Nancy Osborn	Youth
Assisting Minister	Susan Peterson	Josie VanDenburg
Video	Tommy Denney	



JULY 4, 2021 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Freedom to love our neighbor.

INDEPENDENCE DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Independence Day observance.

Sunday

John 8:31-32

Truth will make you free

Jeremiah 29:4-14

God has a plan

Psalm 20

A prayer for victory

Romans 13:1-10

Love one another

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

*“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. **Romans 13:9b-10 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Independence Day:

God of the nations, we thank you for the freedoms we enjoy in this land. Give us courage and strength to use our freedoms not for selfish endeavors but for the good of all, motivated by the love of all, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, thank you for the fish of the seas, for fruited plains, for amber waves of grain, and for all the ways you have blessed this country with plenty of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you the grace and strength to love all people and live in peace.

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HYMN FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

This Is My Song

INDEPENDENCE DAY 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:

- If you were free to do anything you want, what would you want to do?
- What is the difference between independence and freedom?
- How does the commandment teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves bless the world?



DEVOTIONS 

Read: Jeremiah 29:4-14.

We are reminded that God has a plan. We may not understand God's plan or know what it may be but the message in this scripture gives us a future with hope. In Romans 13:9-10, the commandments are summed up to love your neighbor as yourself. We are reminded that love does no wrong to our neighbor. Out of this love, we have the freedom to speak up and act to defend the rights and needs of others. What are the needs of others that require support in today's world? How does God's message of a future with hope help us to reach out to people in the world whose freedom is limited?

Pray: **O Lord, be with those in our world who cannot see a future with hope. We pray for those who serve communities and nations to keep others free. Amen.**

SERVICE 

We can often take for granted our public servants, those who manage and care for our public life and those who offer safety and protection. What gesture of appreciation can you send to those who serve your community, sometimes with their lives?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 

In the United States of America, we have been given the freedom to worship. This is something people in other parts of the world do not have. Think or talk about the different religious buildings in your community. Pray for each one and for its people and leaders. Give thanks in prayer for the opportunities you have to freely worship God. End your devotion time with this blessing: **May God bless America, all nations of the world, and you with peace.**

