



***August 15, 2021***

*12th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Mary, Mother of Our Lord  
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!**

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

**Prelude**

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

Helen Fessler

**Welcome**

**Am:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

*(AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office with 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)*

**Gathering Hymn** “For All the Faithful Women” ELW #419 Vv.1&6  
(alt. tune)

**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.

**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**God Speaks to Us in The Word**

*(AM: Please be seated for the readings)*

**First Reading:**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Lector: A reading from Proverbs, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter;

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom’s food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom’s banquet is the way to life.*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

### **Psalm 34:9-14**

*(Lector: give directions for congregation's response)*

<sup>9</sup>Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,  
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

### **Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:15-20

Lector: A reading from Ephesians, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter:

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for

that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Kids' Talk**

Pastor Paul

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia, Alleluia!”**

W&P #6 V.1

**Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

John 6:51-58

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter,  
beginning at verse 51:

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

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Sermon Song** “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” ELW #265



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

**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 word.

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”      WOV #783 V. 1&2

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto to you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms (especially).

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (especially).

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly (especially). Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life.



God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with (Mary, mother of Jesus, name/s, and) all the saints to eternal life.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

### **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**

“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 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!

### **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**

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**

“Canticle of the Turning “

ELW #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## 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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## Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

**Today Aug 15**

**Aug 22**

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|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Accompanist</b>        | Colleen Southwick | Amber Richardson |
| <b>Call To Worship</b>    | Helen Fessler     |                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Susan Wetzsteon   | Susan Wetzsteon  |
| <b>Lector</b>             | Nancy Osborn      |                  |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Susan Peterson    |                  |
| <b>Projection</b>         | Scott Southwick   | Scott Southwick  |
| <b>Video</b>              | Rick Brown        | Rick Brown       |

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

*Please call or email us with your prayer requests*

**Prayers for safety and healing:** George O' Conell family, Amelia Bennett, Mary Schmidt, Mary Ann, Myrtle Irene Cosner, Steve Forseth, Tom Dolan, Tom Martin, Karla West, Wes and Andy, Rod Snook, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes, Richard Castor



**Prayers for comfort:** friends and family of Keith Robinson, Mable McKillop, Mary Wood and family

**Discovery:**

**Beehive:** Yvonne Olson

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

**At Home:** Bertie Senn

**Incarcerated:** George Davis

**AUGUST 15, 2021**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



*Jesus as the bread of life binds us together.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

|                  |                               |   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>John 6:51-58</b>           | <b>Christ, the true food and drink</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Proverbs 9:1-6</b>         | <b>Wisdom's feast</b>                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Ephesians 5:15-20</b>      | <b>Be filled with the Spirit</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Acts 2:41-47</b>           | <b>Life among believers</b>             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</b> | <b>The Lord's Supper</b>                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Matthew 26:17-30</b>       | <b>The Passover with the disciples</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Psalm 34:9-14</b>          | <b>God teaches the fear of the Lord</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>John 6:56-71</b>           | <b>Many disciples desert Jesus</b>      |

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that unites us in Christ and promises us life everlasting. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this food today, just as we thank you for Jesus Christ and the gift of his presence to know and to share with one another. Amen.



### A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of heaven, bless you with life and faith now and always.

**AUGUST 15, 2021**

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*



## 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 are some ways you enjoy spending time with family and friends?
- How does having meals together help build relationships?
- How does the Lord's Supper help you experience and feel the closeness of the Christian community?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 6:51-58.

John's Gospel does not have the words adapted for the Lord's Supper that one finds in Matthew, Luke, or 1 Corinthians. However, here you have Jesus speaking in terms that clearly reflect the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel interprets the meal's significance as a new manna, the bread from heaven that the Israelites received in the wilderness. While the Israelites would continue to complain and turn away from God, those who receive Jesus in the Lord's Supper, the bread from heaven, will live forever. They will abide with Jesus and Jesus with them. Jesus, as the bread from heaven, binds us together as the community of disciples. Such is the power and meaning of this meal for all generations. In the Lord's Supper Jesus has a relationship to his followers and his followers enjoy a relationship to each other. How does the Lord's Supper strengthen your relationship to other Christians? How does the Lord's Supper help you in your relationship with Jesus?

*Pray:* **Living God, we thank you for Jesus and the Lord's Supper that binds us to him, to one another, and to the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Sharing a meal together is a valuable way to nurture relationships. Invite friends, family, especially those who live alone to have a meal with you, so that you may get to know them better and bless them with your care. Talk about your recent highs and lows and then pray together.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ephesians 5:19 encourages us to "*sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart.*" Think of some of your favorite hymns, children's songs, and psalms from the Bible. Sing them, read them as an offering to God, or listen to them online as music strengthens you in your life of faith.

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)