



May 22, 2022

Senior and Scholarship Sunday

**We welcome you with open arms
and open hearts!**

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God Built on love: worshipping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. (1John 4:19) We are a Christ centered, bible reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everyone in between. Because you are here, you are part of the Family.

WELCOME! If you are new, visiting, or curious, please get in touch with us.

Leave your contact information with the office or the cards in the Pews.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Call To Worship

“This is the Day”

Welcome

AM : The grace and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love and wisdom of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church of ice to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. Please leave offerings in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.

The Gathering Song

“The Morning is broken”

ELW. 556

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

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: Let us reflect on our lives in Christ. *(silent reflection)*

I ask that you please pray with me,

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PM: I am glad to announce that through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Song of Praise

“Praise Him”

God Speaks To Us In The Word

please be seated for the readings

The First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

Lector: A reading from the 16th chapter of Acts;

The Hebrew word rendered as ruach means “spirit,” “wind,” or “breath.” This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel’s vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles God’s own spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

9During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm

Psalm 67

Lector: Today’s Psalm is Psalm 67

(Lector: Give response directions to congregation)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has
blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth and in
awe.

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

Lector: A reading from the 21st chapter of Revelation :

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

10And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 22I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there

Lector: The Word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God

Kid's Talk

Deb Cathey

(AM: *Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*)

Gospel Acclamation

“Awesome God/Humble Thyself”

The Gospel

John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

23Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

Pastor Paul

AM: Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day)

Hymn of the day

“What a fellowship, What a joy divine:
Leaning on the everlasting arms” ELW # 774

We Respond To God's Word

Statement of Faith

AM: Please join me as we confess our faith, using these words.

All: We believe in God our Parent who has helped us grow into the people we are today and whose grace and love is endless. We believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God and the teacher of apostles whose lessons we must always remember. We believe in the Holy Spirit who will be our guide and coach as we continue on in our journey in life, learning, and faith. And we believe in the power and the support of the Three in One and the entire church who will be with us always in our future endeavors. Amen

-Written by Josie VanDenburg

Prayers of Intercession *(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (*especially*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints.

Gather us with those who have died (*especially*) when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering

Offering Song

We are an offering ELW# 692

Presentation of Quilts

Congratulations to Our Graduating High School Seniors!

*Emma Mitchell, Krieger Larson, Will Heitman, Rylee Auch, Ella Dowd,
Max Buhler.*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

PM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

AM: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

ALL: We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new,

leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us

Supper

PM: The Words of Institution

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution

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. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you!

PM: Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

PM:: Let us pray, O God

All: You have nourished us by this meal and have called us, your servants, to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us Faith to go out in good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

Announcements

God Sends Us Into The World

Sending Song “Go, my children, with my blessing.” **ELW# 543**

PM: As God sends us out into the world,

ALL: let us trust in him to guide us to do endeavors of good, love, and wisdom.

All: Amen

Postlude

MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



God leads, we follow.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust God
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“When she [Lydia] and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. Acts 16:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to understand how you lead us each day to care for others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, God, for giving us food; for the food that we eat and the friends that we meet. Thank you, God, for all that you do. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious to you and bless you and make God’s face to shine upon you. (Psalm 67:1)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Down to the River to Pray



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you make your own decisions or rely on others to help you make decisions? Explain.
- When is a time you felt God was leading you in your life and/or relationships?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 16:9-15.

Congregations are urged to establish vision and mission statements and make plans accordingly. In the midst of such important planning, it is important to remember who is in charge, who is doing the actual leading. We may take aim at ministry objectives, but when we arrive at the goal or destination, hopefully, we recognize that God was there awaiting our arrival. In Acts 16, Paul and his fellow missionary friends believe they are led by a vision of a man from Macedonia to go there. When they arrive, it is not a man, but a group of women whose hearts are opened, and it is Lydia who opens her home to them. Whether it is Paul in his day or we in our day, it is good to remember that it is not we ourselves who bring God to people.

Discuss: How have you shared your faith with others as Lydia did?

Pray: God, just as you led Paul to Macedonia, lead us each day that we may bring joy and the good news of Christ to waiting hearts. Amen

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where do you sense God is leading you to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalms 67 is a prayer reminding us that God blesses us and continues to bless us. Think or talk about ways you and those you know have been blessed by God. Pray the Psalm by inserting your name or that of another and say: **God, our God, has blessed _____. May God continue to bless _____; let all the ends of the earth worship our God. Amen.**

**in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life. To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Jesus Comes To Us In His