



**Faith Lutheran Church  
Summer Worship August 14th, 2022  
GATHERING**

**Prelude  
Call to worship**

Accompanist

**Greeting & Prayer Requests**

A: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

(Prayer Requests)

**Gathering Hymn**

**Thy Strong Word,**

**ELW 511 vs. 1, 5, 6**

**1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
at thy speaking it was done.**

**For created light we thank thee,  
while thine ordered seasons run.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise to thee who light dost send!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia without end!**

**5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!**

**6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: In you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

ELW #138

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

*Glory to God*

ELW #139

A: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God & Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise  
you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of  
the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take  
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you  
are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy  
One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

**C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

**23 Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" 26How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that**

**they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?**

**Psalm**

**82**

*Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)*

1God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**2“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

3Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

**4rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5They do not know, neither do they understand; they  
wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’”

**8Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **Second Reading**

## **Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart

from us, be made perfect. 12:1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW #172

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.**

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.**

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah**

### **Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-56P:**

The holy gospel according to Luke

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

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

[Jesus said:] 49"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on



five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*(Response After Reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

God who stretched the spangled heavens,

ELW 771

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space:  
we, your children in your likeness,  
share inventive pow'rs with you;  
great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.**
- 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging**

**through untraveled realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined pow'r,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.**

**3 As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew:  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, hon'ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
each endeavor well begun;  
great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**A: Let us confess our faith:**

**C: 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.....**

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (especially).  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (especially). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (concerns may be named). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints (especially Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk) who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the lord be with you all

**C: and also with you**

## **Offertory**

A: The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared

## **Offertory Song**

*Create in Me for offertory ELW 186*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## **Offering Prayer**

P: God of abundance:

**C: You have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **Meal**

## **Words of Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

**C: 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.**

## **Distribution**

### **Communion songs**

**Day by Day, ELW 790,  
Day by Day**

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**
  
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.**

**3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

**Praise, praise, praise the Lord!  
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!  
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!  
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Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior keep  
you in his grace.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

P: Life-giving God,

**C: Through this meal you have bandaged our  
wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us  
forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,**

**that all may come to know your love. This we  
pray in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**P:** The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending Song**

What a fellowship, ELW 774

**1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain - Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all  
alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting  
arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?**



**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace as a ...

**All: family of God built on love: Worshiping,  
welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's  
name.**

## **Postlude**