



Faith Lutheran Church
Summer Worship August 28th, 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

ELW 526 verses 1-3

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of
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 Pg# 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.
Amen.

Canticle of Praise

ELW Pg#139

Glory to God

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading:

Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

**6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.**

Psalm

Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

1Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!
**2Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
3Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**4Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.**

5It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
remembrance.**

7They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**8Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9They have given freely to the poor, and their
righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10The wicked will see it and be angry; they will
gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains
suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of
which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus
Christ.**

1Let mutual love continue. 2Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have
entertained angels without knowing it. 3Remember those
who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them;
those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves

were being tortured. 4Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 15Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Kids' Time

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

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

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

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

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

10 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

(Response After Reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

As we gather at your table

ELW #522

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people (national, synodical, and local leaders may be named). Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts (local places may be named).

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (especially).

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For all the saints who confessed God's name (especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black), we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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.

P: The peace of the lord be with you all

C: and also with you

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

C: Offertory

**ELW #186 Create in me a clean heart
(Guitar Sundays) W&P 34**

**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 11:2-4

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke

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

ELW 471

let us break bread together

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain***

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

Come, Let Us Eat ELW# 491

[The words in parentheses may be sung by a leader or by all.]

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
(Our Lord's body let us take together,)
our Lord's body let us take together.**

- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,)
in the presence of our Lord we gather.**

- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.**

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

**sent forth by God's Blessing
ELW# 547**

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended**

the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace as a ...

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

Postlude