



**Faith Lutheran Church
Summer Worship August 7th, 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

Beautiful Savior

ELW# 838

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;**

**Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

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

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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

1After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm

33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**13 The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

14 God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

**15 God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

16 A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**17 The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**19 to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

20 Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.

**21 Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

22 Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” 13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

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

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] 32"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

(Response After Reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance

ELW# 638

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

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.

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

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (especially). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (especially). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (specific ministries may be named) and all who care for those in need.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life.

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

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;**

**who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

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

This Is My Father's World

ELW #824

**This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,**

**declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

**This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad**

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW #818

**O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.**

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW#810

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.**

**I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.**

**My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.**

**And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace as a ...

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

Postlude