



**Faith Lutheran Church  
Summer Worship Oct 2, 2022  
GATHERING**

**Prelude**

Accompanist

**Call to worship**

**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:**

**God is Here! ELW 526**

**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.**

**4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is  
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to  
forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to  
love this world as Jesus does.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

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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*

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**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

**C:** Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading:**

## **Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

**Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.**

1The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

3Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

**2:1** I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2 Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

4 Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

## **Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9**

**Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord.  
(Ps. 37:5)**

1 Do not be provoked by evildoers.

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;

dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**4 Take delight in the Lord,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

**5 Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,  
and see what God will do.**

**6 The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the  
light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

**7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one  
who succeeds in evil schemes.**

**8 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

**9 For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.**

## **Second Reading:**

## **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the



standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

## **Kids' Time**

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Gospel:**

**Luke 17:5-10**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

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

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*(Response After Reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**My faith looks up to thee,**

**ELW# 759**

**1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!**

**2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!**

**3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.**

**4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

## **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 Intercession**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (rostered and lay leaders may be named). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (especially): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable.

For all who are sick (especially).

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (especially). Bring us all to eternal life with you.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the lord be with you all.....

**C: and also with you**

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

## **Offertory**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## **Offering Prayer**

P: Gracious God,

**C: In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## **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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.**

## **Distribution**

## **Communion songs**

### **What a friend**

**ELW742**

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.**

## **Let Us Break Bread Together**

ELW #471

**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]**

## **Sending**

## **Blessing**

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**



P: God of the abundant table,

**C: you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.**

**Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from  
despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Song**

**Go, my children, with my blessing**

**ELW 543**

**1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."**

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## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace as a ...

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

## **Postlude**