



Faith Lutheran Church

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Bible Camp Sunday

“Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ’s name. We’re a family of God “because God first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Because you are here, you are part of the family—Welcome. If you are here for the first time, please complete a response card and put it in the offering plate.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Tom Anderson

Call To Worship

“Sanctuary”

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living,
Sanctuary, for you**

Welcome, Prayer Requests, And Announcements

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

All: And also with you.

AM: Any prayer requests?

Announcements

Opening Litany

PM: As we gather for worship, we bring the outside in. We remember:

- Nations in conflict and all places recovering and rebuilding from natural disasters.
- The voices of hatred and fear that swirl in our land.
- Those who are hungry, and those who don't have secure housing.
- The refugees of war trying to find peace and safety.
- Our beautiful state and public lands that we cherish and hold together.
- The high suicide rate in our state and especially those on our reservations and our veterans.
- The resistance by many, including ourselves, to care for our planet.
- This time of our own weariness, despair, and lack of hope.

Confession, Forgiveness, and Promise of Life

PM: Lord hear us as we confess our sin to you.

(time of silent confession)

PM: Most merciful God:

All: We carry the broken places of our communities and world with us today. Sometimes, we lose our hope and our resolve. Sometimes we lose our compassion and look towards ourselves. We come to You weary and worn:

***Fill us with your hope, that that we might have hope.**

***Fill us with renewal, that we might find the power to change what we can.**

***Fill us with new life, that we may be your hands and feet and voices in our world.**

***Fill us with your healing Spirit, that we might find healing in ourselves, and that we can also help bring healing and health to others.**

PM: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

All: Amen

Songs of Praise

“Your Everlasting Love”

**Your everlasting love is high-er (2 claps), high-er (2 claps),
higher than the sky**

**Your everlasting love is high-er (2 claps), high-er (2 claps),
higher than the sky-ay-ay, higher than the sky-ay-ay,
oh the wonders of, Your everlasting love, is higher than the
ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh**

2. Your everlasting love is deeper than the sea

3. Your everlasting love is reaching out to me

4. Your everlasting love is higher, deeper, reaching out to me

“I’ll Do My Best”

Love, I’ll Love, I’ll Love you Lord forever

Love, I’ll Love, I’ll Love you Lord forever

(chorus)

I’ll do my best, do my best, whoa

I’ll do my best, for you (repeat)

Trust... Thank... Serve... Praise

“Messiah”

**1. Someone’s shouting from the desert. Someone’s shouting from
the sea.**

Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the valley.

(Refrain)

Messiah, come and be our King (x2)

**2. Someone's shouting from the city, "I am young and I am cold."
Someone's shouting from the country, "I am lonely, I am old."**

(Refrain)

3. Someone's shouting "I am broken." Someone's shouting "make me whole,"

Someone's shouting "come and change me," someone's shouting, "save my soul"!

(Refrain)

Prayer of the Day

AM: Please pray with me:

All: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—

²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Psalm: 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall ^l not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation “Father I Adore You”

- 1) **Father, I adore you And I lay my life before you How I love you**
- 2) **Jesus, I adore you...**
- 3) **Spirit, I adore you...**
- 4) **Three in One, I adore you...**

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John...

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Richie Withycombe

Sermon Song “Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

**Lord I lift your name on high, Lord I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us!**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift your name on high.**

The Apostles' Creed

AM: Let us confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

**All: 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 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 for Outdoor Ministries and for All

AM

AM: We give thanks to you, Creator God, for the plants, animals, birds, fresh air, and all the natural resources we use for food, medicine, clothing and shelter.

All: In a land full of mountains and creeks, stars and wind, lakes, rocks, and squirrels, we gather to praise you for your wonderful creation.

AM: Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation and that we may safeguard your creation for future generations.

All: We thank you for giving us camps where we may withdraw for a while, to be filled with your Spirit in the beauty of nature.

AM: Today, we especially celebrate our outdoor ministries in Montana, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp.

All: We pray for those who offer hospitality in the name of Jesus Christ as directors, administrators, program leaders, maintenance and food service staff, volunteers, board members, and summer staff.

AM: Thank you for all who experience your rejuvenating and restful presence at camp: families, adults, grandparents, pastors, youth directors, and children.

AM: Holy One, here among us, please respond to the call of people who cry out in grief, in loneliness or despair, or in chronic pain or illness, especially those we name to you now aloud and in silence. Embrace them with your hope and health.

All: Help us to see more clearly the vision of a safe place and holy ground, O God. Help us secure this ministry for generations to come by sending campers to camp, by going on retreats, and by supporting those who have answered the call to serve you at camp.

AM: Lord, continue to bless us, our Bible camps, and all who seek your presence and power. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen

The Offering

“All In All”

**You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all**

**Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all**

**Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name (x2)**

**Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all**

**Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name (x2)**

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray. God of love:

**ALL: You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in
service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus
Christ. Amen**

Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed,...

...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

PM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All: 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

Tom Anderson

Post Communion Blessing

PM: And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

Post Communion Prayer

PM: Let us pray:

All: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen

God Sends Us Into The World

Benediction

PM: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

All: Amen

Sending Song “The Montana Blessing”

May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of the our sky.

May your souls have the strength of our mountains.

May your lives be as peaceful as our gently falling snow.

And your days be as many as the trees.

Dismissal

AM: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude