



Bible Camp Sunday April 7, 2023

“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

Call To Worship

“Sanctuary” (2X)

**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, I’ll do my best, whoa-o-o

I’ll do my best, for you *(repeat)*

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

“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.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Please pray with me:

All: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his
robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading:

1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was

with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Kids' Time

Alex Tooley

Gospel Acclamation "Blessed Be Your Name"

Verse 1

**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 2

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

Verse 3

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 4

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

Bridge

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name**

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Alex Tooley

Sermon Song

“One Name” (2X)

One name under Heaven whereby we shall be saved

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**Forgiven for our sins, baptized in the water, filled with the Holy
Ghost washed by the blood of the lamb**

**Forgiven for our sins, baptized in the water, filled with the Holy
Ghost washed by the blood of the lamb**

**Free, truly free my friends. Freed by the blood of the lamb
Free, truly free my friends. Freed by the blood of the lamb**

**God's gonna move in this place, God's gonna move in this place
God's gonna turn this whole world upside-down
God's gonna move in this place, God's gonna move in this place
God's gonna turn this whole world upside-down**

After 2X, end with:

One name under Heaven whereby we shall be saved

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

Passing of the Peace

“Saalam Alakum”

Alex Tooley

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
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name**

**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
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name**

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

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.

May your service flow as freely as the rivers of our lands.

May your kindness be as golden as our wheat fields.

**May your faith be as strong as our Ponderosa pines.
And your love be as broad as our prairies.**

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of 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 our trees.**

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude

Announcements

“What’s Up” at FLC this week: April 8-14

Mon. WW 3:30 & 5 pm

Wed. Scripture Study and Meal 6 pm

Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Council Mtg. after Worship