

# Summer Worship

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Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshiping with us! All are Welcome.

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: worshipping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name.

#### **GATHERING**

# Prelude Call to Worship

# **Gathering Hymn**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" ELW #634 vs 1,5,6

- All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

# Greeting

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

C: And also with you!

A: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

A: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please write any prayer requests on the clip board located on the table in the Narthex. There will also be an opportunity to say requests aloud or in the silence of your hearts during the "Prayers of the Church."

# The Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #858 vs 1,2&4

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
  Let the amen sound from his people again.
  Gladly forever adore him!

# **Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray. ...

C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **WORD**

# **First Reading**

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup> But his servant said,

"How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " 44 He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

**Psalm** Psalm 145:10-18

- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- <sup>11</sup> They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
- <sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
  You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- <sup>18</sup> You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

# **Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are

continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(after the readings)

#### Kids' Time

**Gospel Acclamation** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172 (2 times)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Gospel John 6:1-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum.

It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

(after the reading)

#### Sermon

Sermon Song "Blessed Assurance" ELW #638

1 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.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- 3 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* 

# Response to the Word (Apostle's Creed) WOV p.49

A: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

A: Living together in trust and hope, we 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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

#### Confession & Forgiveness

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; Jude 20

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God; Jude 21

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: 2 Cor. 5:17

C: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!

#### Stand

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

C: Amen

# The Prayers of the Church

A: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

#### A brief silence.

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict (nations and places may be named). In your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering (especially), families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs (and with musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, and George Frederick Handel) and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

# **Passing of the Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

The Offering "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW #689

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

## **Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **MEAL**

#### **Words of Institution**

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

... almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen

## The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW #733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

#### **SENDING**

# **Post-Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now and forever! **C: Amen** 

#### **Post-Communion Canticle**

"Praise to You, O God of Mercy" ELW #208

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

#### Bridge

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

#### **Benediction**

P: Go from this meal knowing that God blesses you and keeps you. That God's face shines on you and is gracious to you. That God looks on you with great favor and gives you peace.

C: Amen

#### **Announcements**

Sending Song "On Our Way Rejoicing" ELW #537

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

#### Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. Refrain

#### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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