

***April 19, 2020***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter***

***Bible Camp Sunday***

**We welcome you with  
open arms and open hearts!**



Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

**Prelude**

**"Sanctuary"**

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

## **Greeting, Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**AM: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.**

**AM: *(Please don't hesitate to call the office with any prayer requests.)***

## **Opening Litany:**

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

- Our nation and our leaders who are trying to govern and work together during this covid-19 outbreak.
- The voices of hatred and fear that swirl in our land.
- Those who are hungry, and those who don't have secure housing.

*Faith is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, and serving in Christ's name*

- The refugees of war trying to find peace and safety.
- Our beautiful state and the 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.
- Our doctors, nurses, health care staff, first responders, teachers, school administrators, students, moms and dads, and all of us who are sheltering in place.

### **Forgiveness and Promise of Life**

**All: Most merciful God, 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 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

## “I’ll Do My Best”

1) Love, I’ll love, I’ll love you, Lord, forever (*repeat*)

Chorus

**I’ll do my best I’ll do my best, Oh  
I’ll do my best for You, Oh, Oh, Oh  
I’ll do my best I’ll do my best, Oh  
I’ll do my best for You**

2) Serve.....

3) Praise.....

4) Love.....

## “Your Everlasting Love”

Verse 1

**Your everlasting love is higher  
Higher higher than the sky  
Your everlasting love is higher  
Higher higher than the sky  
Higher than the sky  
Oh the wonder of Your everlasting love  
Is higher than the sky**

Verse 2

**Your everlasting love is deeper  
Deeper deeper than the sea  
Your everlasting love is deeper  
Deeper deeper than the sea  
Deeper than the sea  
Oh the wonder of Your everlasting love  
Is deeper than the sea**

Verse 3

**Your everlasting love is reaching  
Reaching reaching out to me  
Your everlasting love is reaching  
Reaching reaching out to me  
Reaching out to me  
Oh the wonder of Your everlasting love  
Is reaching out to me**

“All Day Song”

Chorus

**Love Him in the mornin'  
When you see the sun arisin'  
Love Him in the evenin'  
'Cause He took you through the day  
And in the in between time  
When you feel the pressure comin'  
Remember that He loves you  
And He promises to stay**

Verse 1

**When you think you got to worry  
'Cause it seems the thing to do  
Remember He ain't in a hurry  
He's always got time for you (*chorus*)**

Verse 2

**When He went away to heaven  
Said He still has work to do  
The Father has some extra mansions  
He's savin' one for you (*chorus*)**

## Prayer of the Day

AM: Please pray with me,

**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

### Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**Lector:** A reading from the 2nd chapter of Acts:

*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.*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>“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—<sup>23</sup>this 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. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For 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;

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

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

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“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. <sup>30</sup>Since 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. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

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

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

## **Psalm 121**

“I Lift My Eyes Up”

**I lift my eyes up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from  
My help comes from You, maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth**

**Oh, how I need You Lord  
You are my only hope  
You're my only prayer  
So I will wait for You  
To come and rescue me  
Come and give me life**

## **Reading**

Peter 1:3-9

**Lector:** A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Peter:

*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.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed 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, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are

being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so 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. <sup>8</sup>Although 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, <sup>9</sup>for 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”

**Father, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You**

**Jesus, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You**

**Spirit, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You**

**Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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PM: The Holy Gospel according to John chapter 20:

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

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>When 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.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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.”

<sup>26</sup>A 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.      **All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

## **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**

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**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.**

## **The Offering**

**“All in All”**

**Verse 1**

**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**

**Chorus**

**Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name**

**Verse 2**

**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**

## **Prayers for Outdoor Ministries and for All**

*(from FLBC Outdoor Ministries Litany)*

PM: 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.**

PM: 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.**

PM: 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.**

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

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 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.**

PM: Lord, continue to bless us, our Bible camps, and all who seek your presence and power. And hear us now as we pray together the prayer you taught us to pray...

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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**

## God Sends Us Into The World

### Benediction

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Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

### Sending Song

“Shine”

**You are the light of the world (*repeat*)  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world**

**You are the salt of the earth (*repeat*)  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the salt of the earth**

**You are a city on a hill (*repeat*)  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a city on a hill**

**You are a precious child of God (*repeat*)  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a precious child of God**

**“The Montana Blessing”**

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky  
May your soul have the strength of our mountains  
May your life be as peaceful as our gently falling snow  
And your days be as many as our trees**

**Dismissal**

AM: Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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