



# May 17, 2020

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Senior Sunday*

*Livestreamed 9:30am*

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

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



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Maintain safe distance between families.

Please hum along with the hymns.

Hand sanitizer is available.

Offerings can be placed in the plate on the table in the lobby.

One person at a time in the restrooms.

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## God Gathers The Body Of Christ

**Prelude**

Tom Anderson & Susan Peterson, Accompanist

### **Announcements & Prayer Requests**

AM: This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it;

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Lord, help us live for You!

PM: 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.**

## Call To Worship

### “Step by Step”

O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

## Forgiveness and Promise of Life

PM: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### *Silent Confessions*

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. Amen.

Please feel free to hum along

## Gathering Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW #807

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise,  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood,  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.  
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## Prayer of the Day

AM: Please pray with me silently as I pray our prayer of the day.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

**Lector:** A reading from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts:

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## **Psalm 66:8-20** (AM & PM only)

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-22

**Lector:** A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter:

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Kids' Talk**

Rick Brown

**The Gospel**

John 14:15-21

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John:

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

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Sermon Song**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798 Vv. 1, 4, 5

Quoia Anderson & Cady Rollins

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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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.**

**Pass the Peace**

(Please place your hand on your heart and bow gently looking at the person you are sharing the peace with. Please do not leave your pew)

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

AM: If you are watching the livestream, take a moment to share the peace with those with you

**Offering Song**

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

## Offering Prayer

Flames of the Spirit

AM: We thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you and witness to Christ whom you have raised. Use us, and our gifts to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call all people of the world your children. You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

AM: 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.**

### **Honoring our Graduates & Quilt distribution**

Quoia Anderson, Weston Buhler, Tristan Hanson, Holly Mahon,  
Bryce Reed, Grace Reichart, Cady Rollins.

## Benediction

PM: Go out into the world in peace;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to what is good;  
return no evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the suffering;  
honor all people; love and serve God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Song

### “Here I Am Lord”

ELW #574 v.1

#### Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte  
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# God Sends Us Into The World

## **Dismissal**

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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