



September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Fall Worship

Communion, Indoors

***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) Because you're here, your part of the family—welcome.

Young children are welcome in the service.

If you are new to Faith, we would like to be in touch with you. Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Welcome

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

(AM: Prayer Requests and Service Announcements.)

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)

Gathering Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

ELW #520

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

The Kyrie (*Spoken*)

ELW page 193-194

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For Faith Lutheran Church, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

**All: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those
things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God Speaks To Us In The Word

Preface to the Word (*sung*)

ELW# 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel chapter 18:

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

(Lector: give directions for psalm responses)

Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Lector: A reading from Philippians chapter 2:

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look

not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

All: Thanks be to God.

Kid's Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW #174

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Alleluia'. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

All: Glory to you , O Lord.

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW #801

Change My Heart, O God

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Response to the Word (*Creed*)

WOV page 79

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

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

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 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

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

All: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

PM: Keep yourselves in the love of God; *Jude 21*

All: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

PM: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All: Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

PM: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for confession and reflection)

PM: Most gracious God,

All: 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.

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

All: Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

ELW# 751

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions (*especially*), change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community (*especially*) **Ministry on Main; AA Ministry in our Community; Salvation Army; Community Meals Ministry; Marcus Daly Hospice; Adopt a Cop; Caring Bridge; Emma's House and many other ministries;** make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pass the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you,

and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.

The Offering “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” WOV #759 Vv. 1&3

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares

we lift in prayer before you.

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

The Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray,

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service and

dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all

that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever
Communion will be served in individual portions.

Directions for communion.

Words of Institution

WOV page 37

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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

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

Post Communion Prayer

PM: Let us pray,

**All: We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

PM: May the peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul,
And in the song that your life sings. Amen.

Announcements for the congregation

Sending Song

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave,
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve,
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race,

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call,
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Pray for our Members and Friends...

Prayers to all teachers and students, stay safe.

Prayers for healing: Julie Belcher, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Heidi, Luken, Gloria Mason, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin, Shirley Hanson, AJ, Tommy, Dennis Kimzey, Duane Smith, Maggie Erickson, Susanna Murphy, Eunice Romo, Fran Dunbar.

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October 4, 2020

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