



***September 6, 2020***

***14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***Bread of Life/Service of the Word***

***Communion, worship inside***

***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](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org).

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!**

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

**Prelude**

Lina Gyles, 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**

"Earth and All Stars"

ELW #731

## Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test - tubes!  
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.  
 I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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## Greeting

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

**All: And also with you!**

PM: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**All: A people holy to the LORD our God.**

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

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

PM: One does not live by bread alone,

**All: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray.

**All: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove for from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **God Speaks To Us In The Word**

### **First Reading:**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel chapter 33:

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*(Lector: give directions for psalm responses)*

## **Psalm 119:33-40**

**<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.**

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

**<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.**

<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

**<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.**

<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

**<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.**

<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

## **Second Reading**

Romans 13:8-14

Lector: A reading from Romans chapter 13:

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay

aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Kid's Talk**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Gospel Acclamation** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah, Halle, halle, halle-lujah.**

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

## **Gospel**

Matthew 18:15-20

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

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“Lord of All Nations”

ELW #716

JUSTICE, PEACE

716 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy

per - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me put  
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I

see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee,  
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true  
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new  
 be, help me for - give, re - main - bring thee  
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Oliver Wilson, b. 1916, etc.  
 Music: Sumatulya Karmelov, 1941  
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Response to the Word (Creed)

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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.**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

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

*A brief silence.*

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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



## **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**                    “For the Fruit of All Creation”                    ELW #679 v. 1

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.**

**For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

## **Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray,

**All: God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the  
heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of  
your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we  
might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in  
the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.  
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.*

## **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.**

## **Post Communion Blessing & 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, guide by the example of the same Jesus  
Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Flames of the Spirit page 92

PM: Now may God who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work. **Amen.**

## **Announcements for the congregation**

### **Sending Song**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922  
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

## Dismissal

ELW page 222

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, Nancy Marks, Sandy Russ, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, John Trangmoe, Heidi, Luken, Gloria Mason, Larry Morris, Tenley, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin, Shirley Hanson, LaVonne Beers.

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