



October 18, 2020

Fall Worship

Praise Service
ELW setting 10

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, you're part of the family—welcome.

Young children are welcome in the service.

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Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Scott Southwick

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

"God is Here "

ELW #526

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your par - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts,
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each,
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing, to be - lieve and to a - dore,
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you,
let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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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

Isaiah 45:1-7

Lector: A reading from the 45th chapter of Isaiah

An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Psalm 96: 1-9 [10-13]

(Lector: Give directions for psalm responses.)

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods. R

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. R

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for
you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth. R

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector: A reading from 1st chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: Word of God, Word of Life...

All: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Jack Bonham

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW #174

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. 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.

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

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Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

ELW #841

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ry voice and sing till south and best : or ring
 2 Show - y the road we trod, bet - ter the - than - t'ring out
 3 God of our won - er - ty years, God of our a - lent team.

ring with the har - mo - nies of this - or - ty,
 felt in the days when hope an - born had died;
 those who have brought us thus far on the way:

Lift our re - joic - ing rise high as the firm - am - p - sties,
 yet with a stead - y heart, have not our tern - ty feet
 those who lead by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the will - ing sea
 come to the place for which our feet
 keep us firm - ly in the path - we tread

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wet;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we men meet.

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slain - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee.

far - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gan,
 our from the gloom - y past, all now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand.

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won,
 where the white gleam of our bright star
 trac - to our God, trac - to our na - tive land.

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.**

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*).

Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community (*local ministries can be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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.

The Offering “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” ELW #691 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.

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray. Merciful God,

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

**You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to
set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

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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

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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

“You Servants of God”

ELW #825

You Servants of God

1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: LYONS, Johann M. Haydn, 1737-1806, 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...
Please call or email us with your prayer requests

Prayers for safety and healing: Pat, Nicki Johnson, Amber Lynch, Deidra Markette, Cliff Marks, Mary Ann, Ashley, Suzanne, Ann & Dallas, Reyel, AJ, Tommy, Dennis Kimzey, Maggie Erickson, Julie Belcher, Eunice Romo, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Heidi & Luken, Gloria Mason, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis,
with COVID - Karen, Susannah Murphy, Clair & Judy, Hunter, Logan & Nichole Rossmiller.

Prayers for comfort: Ross and Ann Damrow for the loss of Ross's mother, family and friends of Bertie Henderson, the Heitmann family on the loss of Darrin's father, family and friends of Fran Dunbar

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.
Please feel free to resubmit.

Worship Assistants - October 18, 2020

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