



*November 15, 2020*

*Fall Worship*

Pentecost 24

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!**

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

**Prelude**

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

Celeste Pogachar

**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)*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
 Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

**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: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and  
all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us  
serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the  
joy of the day of your coming, 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

Zeph. 1:7, 12-18

Lector: A reading from Zephaniah, chapter 1:

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the  
People who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their  
hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle  
cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the  
blind; because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*(Lector: Give directions for psalm responses.)*

**Psalm 90:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land  
and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength  
even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass  
away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

## Second Reading

1 Thess. 5:1-11

Lector: A reading from First Thessalonians, chapter 5:

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Kid's Talk**

Rick Brown

Gospel Acclamation  
*Celtic Alleluia*

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

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

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

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## Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 25:

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

When Peace, like a River  
*It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

**Response to the Word** (*Creed*)

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”

**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.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature (*local places of natural beauty may be named*). Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors (*especially*). Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**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” 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.

**All: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.**

**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**

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now and forever! **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**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904  
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

**Dismissal**

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:** Pastor Shannon Mayfield, Brandi W. and family, Skeet Mason and 2 students with him, Darrin and Will Heitmann, Richard Castor, Pam Kaye, Julie, Pat, Amber Lynch, Cliff Marks, Mary Ann, Ashley, Dennis Kimzey, Eunice Romo, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Ron Osborn.

**Prayers for comfort:** the Heitmann family on the loss of Darrin's father, family and friends of Terry Croghan, family and friends of Ellen Gaulke.

**Discovery:** Clara Felton

**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

### **Today Nov 15**

**Accompanist** Susan Peterson

**Ushers** Susan Wetzsteon

**Lector** Sandy Russ

**Assisting Minister** Carl Russ

**Call To Worship** Celeste Pogachar

**Video** Rick Brown

**Projection** Rod Pogachar

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