



Summer Worship

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us! All are Welcome.

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

ELW #853

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
has none that can compare
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"

There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

- 4 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5 Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Greeting

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

C: And also with you!

A: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

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

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

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

The Hymn of Praise

"This Is My Father's World"

ELW #824 vs 1&2

**1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round
me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies
and seas;
his hand the wonders
wrought.**

**2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily
white,
declare their maker's
praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear
him pass;
he speaks to me
ev'rywhere.**

Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray. ...

C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Psalms 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give
glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;**

but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear
the Lord.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek
the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only
with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves
children of God experience a transformation that removes
prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in
Christ.*

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under
the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our
disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by
faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a
disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God
through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have
clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and
female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong
to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the
promise.

(after the readings)

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Time

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

WOV #671 vs 1&5

Refrain

Alleluia alleluia

**Give thanks to the Risen
Lord**

Alleluia alleluia

Give praise to His Name

Verse 1

**Jesus is Lord of all the
earth He is the King of
creation *Refrain***

Verse 5

**Come let us praise the
Living God
Joyfully sing to our
Saviour *Refrain***

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" —²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under

guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the

virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers
for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy,
send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians
across the planet (*international companion churches and synods
may be named*) and Christians in our community (*local
congregations may be named*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth
life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made.
Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation:
farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers,
conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of
grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces
of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn

from war and violence (*areas in crises may be named*). When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (*especially*). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The Offering

**1 We give thee but thine
own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine
alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest
us,
to thee our first fruits give.**

Offering Prayer

A: Creator God,

**C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

**P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to
pray:**

**C: 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**

Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Communion

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

ELW #494

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

SENDING

Blessing

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

C: Amen

Canticle

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Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Prayer After Communion

P: Mothering God,

C: you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Sending Song

“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW #840

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,

in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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