



# Guitar 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.

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

“As We Gather” (2 times)

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us

As we gather may we glorify Your name

Knowing well that as our hearts

Begin to worship

We'll be blessed because we came

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### GATHERING HYMN

“Shout to the Lord” (2 times) ELW #821

My Jesus, my Savior,

Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

## **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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**     *(2 times)*

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

**We bring the sacrifice of praise**

**And we offer up to You**

**Into the house of the Lord**

**The sacrifices of thanksgiving**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise**

**And we offer up to You**

**Into the house of the Lord**

**The sacrifices of joy**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city,

I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup> Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup> He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

## **Psalm: Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your  
steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of  
your hands.**

## **SECOND READING**

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

<sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.] *(after the readings)*

**L:** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' TIME**

### **GOSPEL ACCLIMATION** *(2 times)*

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 11:1-13**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*(after the reading)*

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?



4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. (*We pray especially for . . .* )

Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C:** And also with you.

## **OFFERING HYMN**

**“What Have We to Offer?”**

**1 What have we to offer?**

**What have we to share?**

**Coins from the coffer,  
hearts filled with care.**

**God will not falter;  
so let us dare**

**lay it at the altar there.**

**2 What have we to offer?**

**What have we to bring?  
Love, ripe with laughter;**

hope that we can sing;  
dreams of what we're after;  
promises of when.  
Lay it at the altar then.

lies that we won't live;  
truth that must be spoken;  
justice somehow.  
Lay it at the altar now.

**3 What have we to offer?  
What have we to give?  
Eyes that are wide open;**

**4 What have we to offer?  
What have we to give?  
Lives we will live.**

## **OFFERING**

### **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**

**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

### SENDING

## COMMUNION 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 *(2 times)*

“The Trees Of The Field”

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And all the trees of the field  
Will clap will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field  
Will clap their hands  
The trees of the field  
Will clap their hands  
The trees of the field

**Will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy**

## **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**

**“The Montana Blessing”**

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky.  
May your souls have the strength of our mountains.  
May your lives be as peaceful as our gently falling snow.  
And your days be as many as our trees.**

**May your service flow as freely as the rivers of our lands.  
May your kindness be as golden as our wheat fields.  
May your faith be as strong as our Ponderosa pines.**

**And your love be as broad as our prairies.**

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky.**

**May your souls have the strength of our mountains.**

**May your lives be as peaceful as our gently falling snow.**

**And your days be as many as our trees.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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