



## 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** "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW #754

- 1 Jesus, the very thought of you  
fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view  
and rest within your light.
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than your blest name,  
O Savior of us all!
- 3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,  
O joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall!  
How good to those who seek!
- 4 O Jesus, be our joy today;  
help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say:  
"Come, share my home above."

## ***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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### ***First Reading***

*1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21*

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## ***Psalm 16***

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **Second Reading**

*Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*(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 9:51-62*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come

down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*(after the reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ***Sermon***

### ***Hymn of the Day***

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

ELW #696 vs 1&3-5

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,

still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

## ***Apostles' Creed***

WOV p.49

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.*

Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of (*your apostles Peter and Paul and*) Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (*especially*). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. 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***

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”** ELW #686 vs 1&2

**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***

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

**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***

WOV p.40

**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***

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW #856

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

### ***Refrain***

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

### ***Dismissal***

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **Postlude**

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