



Summer Worship

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshiping 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 "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW #655

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 hallows all our human race,
 you our head, who, throned in glory,
 for your own will ever plead:
 fill us with your love and pity,
 heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
 so may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted;
 freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver,
 yours the wealth of land and sea;
 we but stewards of your bounty
 held in solemn trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,

whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

(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 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW #669

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

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: 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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened (*places may be named*). Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need (*especially*). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance (*especially Lawrence, deacon and martyr*). Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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.**

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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW #685

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days;
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 always, only, for my King;
 take my lips and let them be
 filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
 not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect and use
 ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own,
 it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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 “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW #705

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 on your people pour your pow'r;
 crown your ancient church's story;
 bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 for the facing of this hour,
 for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
 scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 for the living of these days,
 for the living of these days,

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
 bend our pride to your control;
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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