



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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (2X) 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.

GATHERING HYMN

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

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Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

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Blessed be the name of the Lord
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Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus

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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: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes

between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm: Psalm 82

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² **"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

³ Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’ ”**
⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

(after the readings)

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

KIDS' TIME

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION *(2 times)*

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

- 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
- 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power surely is thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.
- 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living 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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries (*missionaries sponsored by this congregation may be named*) with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Safeguard rivers and lakes (*local water sources may be named*) from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers (*local elected officials may be named*) who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained,

those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (*especially*). Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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.**

3 What have we to offer?

**What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open;
lies that we won't live;
truth that must be spoken;
justice somehow.
Lay it at the altar now.**

**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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