



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

"You Are Holy"

ELW #525

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

GATHERING HYMN

"Oh, Sing to God Above"

ELW #555

- 1 Oh, sing to God above
a hymn of joyful greeting,
a song of grateful love
in the new day's light repeating:
you made the sea and sky,
the sun and stars in splendor;
delight shone in your eye—
all your works were filled with wonder.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!

- 2 Oh, sing to God above
a hymn of praise and blessing,
a song of grateful love,
hope and faith our hearts expressing:
creation lifts its voice
to tell your might and glory,
and we, too, will rejoice
to proclaim the saving story. *Refrain*

Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!

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 X)

“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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel,"

a name that means “he wrestles with God.”

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷ So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm: Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

- ⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

(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 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “This Little Light of Mine”

ELW #677

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church
across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by
hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus
Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw
us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right
relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule
over all the earth. Grant our elected officials (*names of officials*)
humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world.
God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who
heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need.

Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for (*name of congregation*). O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ (*especially*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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