



## **Faith Lutheran Church**

is a family of God built on  
love: worshiping,  
welcoming, learning, and  
serving in Christ's name.

**All are welcome!**

Thank you for worshiping  
with us.

*Sunday Worship 9:30 am*

*Setting 4 Liturgy, ELW p.147*

*ELW refers to the red hymnal,*

*WOV refers to the blue hymnal.*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **GATHERING**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: we are your stiff-necked people.  
We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others.  
We turn away from the poor.  
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.  
Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**      “Oh, Worship the King”      ELW #842

- 1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
- 2 The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

- 3 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
- 5 O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

## **GREETING**

**A:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: The lord be with you.                    **C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray. ...

**C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless,*

*God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

## **PSALM: Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns  
the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted  
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING**

Colossians 1:11-20

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political,  
personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation  
and is eternally reigning with God.*

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from  
his glorious power,

so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Response after the readings.*

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **KIDS' TIME**

## **GOSPEL ACCLIMATION**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 23:33-43**

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

*Response after the reading.*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “For the Beauty of the Earth” ELW #879

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

### *Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;

for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

## **CREED**                      *Apostles' Creed*

A: With the whole church, let us 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially*). May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## **MEAL**

**OFFERING**            "As Saints of Old"            ELW #695 v 1

**1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought  
of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring,  
the wealth of this good land,**

of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Lord of the harvest,

**C: we return to you a portion of what you have  
given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the  
uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly  
provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

... we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as  
Jesus taught us.**

**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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

## **COMMUNION**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION SONG(S)**

**"Borning Cry"**

**ELW #732**

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;

you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## **COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW #207**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P: O God,**

**C: through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to  
do good and to share our possessions with all in  
need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

**P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to  
the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who**

sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

“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.

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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