



# Summer Worship

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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.

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## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Gathering Hymn**

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”

ELW #823

- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
praise him, gleaming stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance he has made.
- 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;  
never shall his promise fail.  
God has made his saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;  
heav'n and earth, and all creation,  
laud and magnify his name!

## 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.**

## Prayer Requests

*Please write any prayer requests on the clip board located on the table in the Narthex. There will also be an opportunity to say requests aloud or in the silence of your hearts during the "Prayers of the Church."*

## The Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"      ELW #858 vs 1,2&4

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,**

**joining in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise to the Lord, who  
o'er all things is wondrously  
reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before  
him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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

**A: Let us pray. ...**

**C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for  
the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his  
presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by  
his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **First Reading**

**Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

## Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

<sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(after the readings)*

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Kids' Time**

**Gospel Acclamation** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

*(2 times)*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

## **Gospel**

John 6:51-58

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;

<sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*(after the reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Song**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW #661

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

**Response to the Word**     *(Apostle's 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: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; *Jude 20*

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God; *Jude 21*

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: *2 Cor. 5:17*

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!**

*Stand*

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

**C: Amen**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

A: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*



Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation (*local agriculture may be named*). Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

**P: The peace of the lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

## **The Offering            “Praise and Thanksgiving”            ELW #689**

**1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.**

**4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.**

## **Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

### Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, ...  
... almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### 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**

### Distribution

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW #496

### *Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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.

## SENDING

### **Post-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**

### **Post-Communion Canticle**

“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW #208

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!**
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
thanks be to you forever!**

*Bridge*

**Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen**

## **Benediction**

P: Go from this meal knowing that God blesses you and keeps you. That God's face shines on you and is gracious to you.

That God looks on you with great favor and gives you peace.

**C: Amen**

## **Announcements**

**Sending Song**                      "We are Called"                      ELW #720

*Words unavailable, please use the red hymnal.*

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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