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Full Bulletin

**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 3 Liturgy, ELW p.138**  
ELW refers to the red hymnal.

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*Please write **prayer requests** on the clipboard located on the table in the Narthex. There will also be an opportunity to offer up request aloud or in the silence of your hearts during the Prayers of Intercession.*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen**

## **GATHERING SONG**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

ELW #302 vs 1-4

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before

thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

## **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**

ELW p.138

**A:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

ELW p.140

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A: The lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray. ...

**C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

## **PSALM: 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.



**<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup> the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING**

**Acts 8:14-17**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Response after the readings.*

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **KIDS' TIME**

## **GOSPEL ACCLIMATION**

*Please stand.*

ELW p.142

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

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

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**P:** The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*Response after the reading.*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Please stand.*

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW #314

- 1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

## **CREED**

### *Apostles' Creed*

ELW p.105

**A:** Let us profess our faith together in the words of  
the Apostles' creed.

**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 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans (*local bodies of water may be named*). Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (*especially...and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*Please stand for the offering song.*

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of grace,

**C: your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please be seated.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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:

ELW p.144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,**



**heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. 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: Lord, 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.**

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## **COMMUNION**

ELW p.146

**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.**

## **COMMUNION SONG(S)**

“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*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Please stand.*

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**

## **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: Nourishing God,

C: at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated.*

## **BLESSING**

*Please stand.*

P: The Spirit of the triune God

✝ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” ELW #659 vs 1-4

- 1 Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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