



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2016



PRELUDER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS





CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.



P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen



P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence*)
Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by**



what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN ~ “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**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.**



**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

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





**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

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





**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

Refrain

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





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





P: 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.



INTRODUCTION

P: Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our



**conscience, and give us those good
things that come only through your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.





Children's Church





First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter

Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” So



the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the

righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and

ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I

will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."



R: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 138 ~ A Responsive Reading ~





R: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.





R: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me

C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you,
O Lord, when they have heard the words
of your mouth.



R: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C: **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.



Second Reading Colossians 2:6-15

A reading from Colossians, the first chapter

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you



captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by

putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against



us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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C: **Thanks be to God!**





ALLELUIA



Musical notation for the first line of the Alleluia chant, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Musical notation for the second line of the Alleluia chant, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Musical notation for the third line of the Alleluia chant, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 11: 1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray,

say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived,

and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I



say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If





you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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





~ SERMON ~

Rev. Denver Bitner

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**



**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* Faithful God, through diverse cultures and countries, your Spirit weaves us together as one church. Help us all, your disciples, to ask for the things we need, confident that you hear us.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Call us to notice places and people you created but we often forget. For busy places, for those working in the noon heat, in the silence of the night, and in care of your creation.
Hear us, O God.



C: Your mercy is great.

P: Bring peace where strife is found, where homes have become battlegrounds (*especially*). Empower leaders and organizations to find solutions through persistence and faith.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Turn our hearts to the cries of those in great need. Comfort and heal those who feel defined by situation, grief, or sickness (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



- P: Seek after us wherever we are found in these summer months. Grant safety to those who travel, Sabbath rest to those who vacation, and perseverance to those who have no leisure time.
Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

P: Join our prayers with those ancestors and saints who taught us to pray (*especially*). We remember those who have died in faith, with the comfort that your steadfast love endures forever.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: We lift our prayers to you, O God,
trusting your promise to hear us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.





SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. And also with you.





~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

“Sparrows”

By Jason Gray





1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed
us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and
our possessions. Use us, and what we have
gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the
Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORDS PRAYER

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.



COMMUNION



P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen



CLOSING HYMN

“Choral Benedicion”





**May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.**



**May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.**



**May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.**

DISMISSAL



P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

****Please pick up your 6-month offering statement in the Narthex today.***

