



Faith Lutheran Church

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER - Next Sunday, AUGUST 21

Annual Faith Lutheran Church Picnic & Potluck

Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided.

**PLEASE NOTE: Our Worship Service is at 10:00 am,
outdoors on the church lawn, under the shade.**

Worship music by Steve Weber.

Please plan to come!

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*) Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,**

things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

~ OPENING HYMN ~

O Day of Rest and Gladness

**O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.**

**Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.**

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: The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses.”

In the word and in the holy communion
we are invited yet again to look to
Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our
faith.”

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and,

**following your servants and
prophets, to look to the pioneer
and perfector of our faith, your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

What has straw in common with wheat?
says the LORD. Is not my word like fire,
says the LORD, and like a hammer that
breaks a rock in pieces?

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 82 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

R: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

R: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

R: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’ ”

**C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for
you shall take all nations for your
own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from Hebrews, the 11th chapter.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -

who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

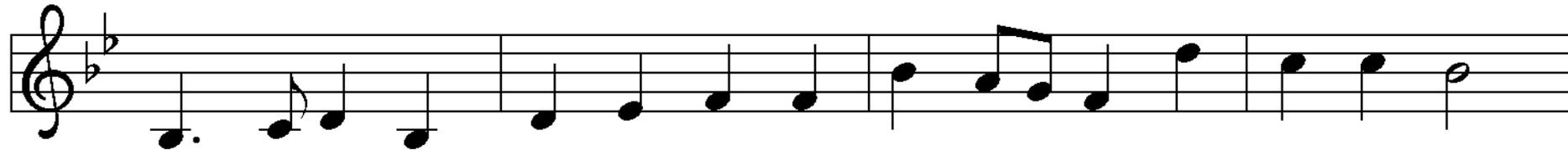
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA



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



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



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

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus said: I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

~ SERMON ~

“When Controversy Brings Fire”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise Up O Saints of God”

**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

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.*

God near to us, increase your people's passion to share how Christ transforms lives. Raise up prophets in your church, Lord, to interpret the word and the world today.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of power, administer justice. Pour your spirit of compassion and mercy into those who hold the lives of others in their hands. We pray for all who are persecuted or imprisoned for their beliefs.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Compassionate God, save us from being overwhelmed by addictions, medical conditions, competition, and fear. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Give wisdom to our community, Lord.
Help us discern your will for our life and
ministry together, even when it may
divide or challenge us.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We thank you, O God, for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Gather us all the saints around your throne on the last day. 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 ~

“In The Palm Of Your Hand”
By Alison Krauss

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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 LORD'S 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth,
O God; rekindle your gifts within us:
renew our faith, increase our hope,
and deepen our love,

for the sake of a world in need.
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw
near to all who call on you; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to
whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be
honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Choral Benediction”

**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.**

REMINDER

***Please stop in the narthex on your way out to pick up your 6-Month offering statement.
Thank you.***









