



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Laity Sunday, July 29, 2018**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**For VETS ROLL**

**Special Guest Speaker – Mr. Mark Finnegan**



# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God  
and one another. *(A brief silence.)*  
Eternal God our Creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**    *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

**My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.**

L: 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 TO THE DAY

L: Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us.

But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God,

**C:** **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Children's Church



"Let the  
little children  
come to me ...."

MATTHEW 19:14

## **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

A reading from 2nd Kings, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.”

But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’ ” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A RESPONSIVE READING FROM Psalm 145**

- R:** All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- C:** **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

R: that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

R: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**C: The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

R: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**C: You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

R: You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**C: Amen.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

A reading from Ephesians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

**L:** The holy gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**“REFLECTIONS ON FAITH”**

**Mr. Craig Miller**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“Here I Am, Lord”*

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"**

## ***Refrain***

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?***

***I have heard you calling in the night.***

***I will go, Lord, if you lead me.***

***I will hold your people in my heart.***

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

## ***Refrain***

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?***

***I have heard you calling in the night.***

***I will go, Lord, if you lead me.***

***I will hold your people in my heart.***

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

## ***Refrain***

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?***

***I have heard you calling in the night.***

***I will go, Lord, if you lead me.***

***I will hold your people in my heart.***

## **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

**L:** Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Loving God, we pray for all those who gather to celebrate the holy feast of Christ's body and blood. Strengthen every member of your church in love, faith, and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need (*especially*). Satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ's body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, we thank and praise you for the beloved dead who taught and fed us in Christian faith. Hasten the feast that will reunite us.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~**

***“Start A Fire”***

**By Unspoken**



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **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.**

## **BLESSING**

**L:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us now and forever.

**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. Share the good news!

**C:** Amen.

