



Faith Lutheran Church

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 8, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A 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 “This Is Amazing Grace”

[Verse 1:]

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[Chorus:]

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me

[Verse 2:]

Who brings our chaos back into order?

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[Chorus]

[Chorus:]

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That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me

[Bridge:]

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy, worthy, worthy

Oh

[Chorus:]

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me

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 TO THE DAY

P: Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them.

When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*)

God of the covenant,

C: **in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-12

R: A reading from Exodus, the 3rd chapter.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt;

I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 139

- R: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
- C: if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

R: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me,

C: and your right hand shall hold me fast.

R: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

**C: even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

R: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

R: Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:14-19

R: A reading from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

R: A reading from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reflections on the 2018 Youth Gathering

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Control*” by Tenth Avenue North

Here I am

All my intentions

All my obsessions

I want to lay them all down

In Your hands

Only Your love is vital

Though I'm not entitled

Still You call me Your child

**God You don't need me, But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me, Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go
God You don't need me, But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me, Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up
And give You control
I give You control**

**I've had plans
Shattered and broken
Things I have hoped in
Fall through my hands
You have plans
To redeem and restore me
You're behind and before me
Oh help me believe**

**God You don't need me, But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me, Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go
God You don't need me, But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me, Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up
And give You control
I give You control**

Oh You want me

Somehow You want me

The King of Heaven wants me

So this world has lost it's grip on me *[x2]*

**God You don't need me, But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me, Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go
God You don't need me, But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me, Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up
And give You control
I give You control**

Oh, give You control

Oh I want to give You control

I give You control

Oh You want me

Somehow You want me

The King of Heaven wants me

So this world has lost it's grip on me

2014 Confirmation Creed

We believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth. God loved his creation and said it was good. God has given us life and things to support our life, like plants and animals. God is still creating through people, every time there is new life and more technology. God provides for us by giving us all that we need for daily life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. He healed many people because he cared about them. He taught many stories and parables to his followers to increase their faith. He died on the cross to save us from our sins. He rose from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to make new disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he offers all who believe eternal life. He promises to be with us till the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our faith. He gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness. He forgives our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church, and helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to serve others in the world, and helps us live in peace with our neighbor. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)* Lord God, equip all your faithful people for the work of mission. When we are empty-handed, give us partners in ministry. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, you breathe life into the dust of the earth. Bless the land and all who work it. Bring relief to areas of drought and famine. Send healing rains and cooling breezes to places scorched by sun and heat. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, when the nations are rebellious, raise up prophets and leaders to proclaim your way of justice. Provide for the needs of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and exiles. Protect all who live in areas of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, your grace is sufficient to bring wholeness to human weakness. Restore hope to those suffering hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Strengthen all who are fragile in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, renew our commitment to the work of hospitality. Help us to offer a caring welcome to visitors and to those returning to the church. Help us to be living examples of your grace and your generosity.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, you equip disciples throughout the ages to proclaim your kingdom. Lead us by faith until every weakness of this world has been made perfect in the power of your everlasting glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers
and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in
your everlasting love and mercy,
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 OFFERTORY ~

“This Changes Everything”

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *“When We Pray”* by Tauren Wells

People hurting, people broken

Beaten down and feeling hopeless

Wonder if it's gonna always be this way

Who will speak up for the captive

Show some love and heal a past that

Binds the wounds we think will never go away

But what if we could be a people on our knees

As one before the King

**'Cause we believe
All the world starts changing
When the church starts praying
Strongholds start to break
Oh, when we pray
Prison walls start shaking
At the sound of praising
Nothing stays the same
Oh, when we pray
Oh, when we pray, oh**

I see revival rising

I see hope on the horizon

As a generation stepping out in faith

Because we will be a people on our knees

As one before the King

Yeah we believe

**All the world starts changing
When the church starts praying
Strongholds start to break
Oh, when we pray
Prison walls start shaking
At the sound of praising
Nothing stays the same
Oh, when we pray
Oh, when we pray, oh**

**Let Your kingdom come, Lord
Let Your will be done**

**All the world starts changing
When the church starts praying
Strongholds start to break
Oh, when we pray**

SENDING - Read by Anne and our Youth Group

Stand up - using your gifts to serve God

Stand for - using your talents to care for all people

Stand with - God's creation using your passions to better God's creation and change the world.

We go out with the words of St. Paul,
“For by Grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.”

Anne: Jesus changes everything! Jesus IS everything!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

