



Faith Lutheran Church

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

20thth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2016



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(A 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

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

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: A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential.

The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk, the 1st chapter.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and
you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save? Why do you make
me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise. So the law
becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous -
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
I will stand at my watchpost, and station
myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 37: 1-9 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C: **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

R: Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**C: Take delight in the LORD, who shall
give you your heart's desire.**

R: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

C: The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

R: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

R: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2nd Timothy, the 1st chapter.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel,

relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,

who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’?”

Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

~ SERMON ~

“Just Doing Our Duty”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.**

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: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*)
Increase the faith of your church, O God.

Raise up faithful parents and
grandparents, prophets and teachers
who know, love, and spread your gospel.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Tend and nurture the lands and seas,
O God. Raise up faithful stewards of
all you have entrusted to human
care.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Save the nations, O God. Raise up faithful leaders who strive for peace and justice in the midst of violence and destruction. Especially we pray for

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Guard those in need, O God. Raise up faithful advocates and caretakers for those who are oppressed, poor, lonely, imprisoned, bereaved, or sick. Especially we pray for
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Give vision to this congregation, O God. Raise up faithful teachers, staff, volunteers, worship leaders, and council members who serve with purpose, joy, boldness, and love. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: You abolished death, O God. Thank you for all those you called according to your purpose and who now rest in your light (*especially*).
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we
commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your
Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend
all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy; through your Son, our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“The River”
By Jordan Feliz

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. 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: 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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

**On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?**

REFRAIN

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.**

REFRAIN

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.











**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.**