



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**Wednesday,
March 27, 2019**

“DO NOT *Worry*”

OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – Verse 1

**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!**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Do not be anxious about what you
will eat or drink or wear.

**C: Life is more than food and
the body more than clothing**

P: Look at the birds of the air.
They don't sow or reap or gather.

C: And yet our heavenly Father feeds them.

P: Consider the lilies of the field.
They neither toil nor spin.

**C: Even Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like them.**

P: But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which today is alive and tomorrow is
thrown into the oven, will he not much
more clothe you, O you of little faith?

C: Yes! Yes, he will!

P: Do not be anxious.

Seek first the kingdom of God.

**C: And all these things will be
added unto us.**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – Verse 2

**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!**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Jesus reminds us not to be anxious or worry. When we seek first his kingdom, everything will be added unto us. And yet we are anxious and we worry.

C: **Most merciful God, we know that worry is sin. We know that when we are anxious, it is because we fail to put our full trust in you.**

Instead of seeking your kingdom, we seek to create our own kingdom filled with sin and selfishness. We think we know what's best for us and fail to see that you always have our best interest in mind. Please forgive us for our lack of faith and trust. When we worry, help us turn to you for full provision and protection. Please forgive us for worshiping ourselves instead of trusting in you.

P: God is gracious and his kingdom is filled with love and forgiveness. Because Jesus put his full trust in his heavenly Father and carried the weight of the world on the cross, your worry is overcome by God's great gifts. The greatest gift of all is the complete forgiveness of sins which I now proclaim to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – Verse 3

**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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 41:8-10

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-33

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – Verse 4

**When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**

*Sharing
their faith
story:
Marcy
and Don
Reedy*



Prayers

P: God of creation, you clothe the flowers, you take care of the birds of the air, and you grant us everything we need. You have made us your beloved children. Forgive us for our worry and enable us to put our full trust in you.

C: **Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**

P: God of creation, you provide government and order. When there is chaos and war, it is the direct result of human sin, Send your love to us and through us that peace would prevail in our world. Where there is need, use us to share out of the bounty you have first given us.

C: Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

P: God of creation, thank you for the gift of your church. Bind us together in unity. Make us a shining light on a hill. Draw all the nations to your church by your grace.

C: Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

P: God of creation, you have the power to bring health and healing. Where there is disease and sickness, bring the gift of a cure. Bring us all, at last, to the perfect health of your eternal kingdom.

C: Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

P: Into your hands, God of creation, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are the one who has all authority, power, grace and mercy to do your will and turn unbelief into trust and belief.

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.

Benediction

CLOSING HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!**

**Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.**

















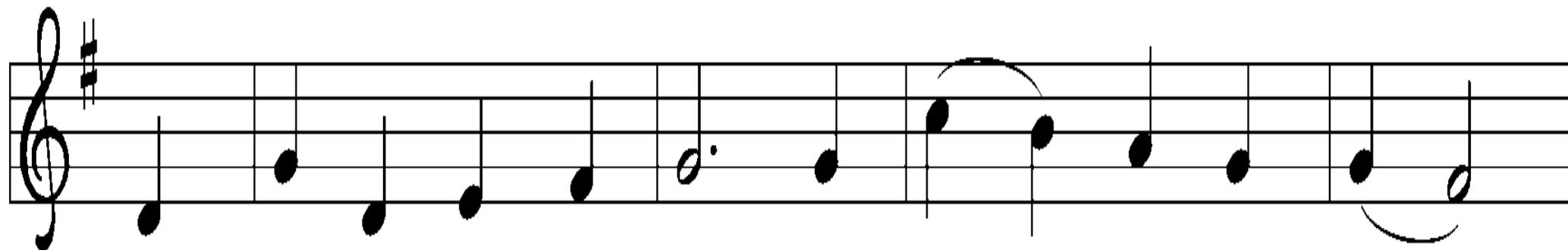








Offertory Response



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.

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**