



Faith Lutheran Church

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

August 4, 2019

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY

Outdoor worship begins at 10am, then the picnic. Church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, water, and dinnerware. Please bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs. Any help setting up and taking down tables will be much appreciated!



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

(A brief silence.) God of mercy,

C: we confess that we sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else.

**We store up treasures for ourselves and
turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, that we may live in the
freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us † all our trespasses by
taking our sins to the cross. For
freedom, Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“You Servants of God”*

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

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: Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above."

To that end we seek the sustenance of
the Lord's supper and the encouragement
of God's word.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Children's Church

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes, the 1st chapter.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 49

R: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear,
all you who dwell in the world,

C: **you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

R: My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate
on understanding.

**C: I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

R: Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at
my heels surrounds me,

**C: the wickedness of those who put
their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

R: One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

**C: for the ransom of a life is so great that
there would never be enough to pay it,**

R: in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

C: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

R: Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians, the 3rd chapter.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:

fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’”

Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Rich Toward God”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, if all for thee.**

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: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. *(A brief silence.)*

Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Your creation longs for generous care.
Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers,
ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's
heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's
bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator,
let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life - low and high, rich and poor - and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need (*especially*). Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

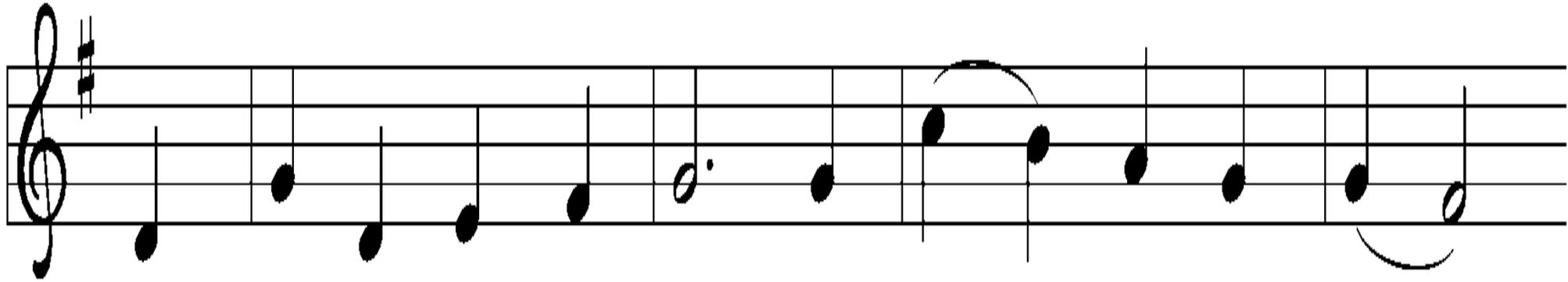
C: And also with you.

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

“My Feet Are On the Rock”

by I Am They

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our 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: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with our heart, service our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.**

**Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



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