



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**July 21, 2019**

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

# PRELUDE

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ice Cream Social

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from 3 to 6 PM

Beat the heat ~

Come sit in the shade and eat ice cream! Everyone is welcome!

**Free ice cream sundaes! Games!**

**Door Prizes! Entertainment!**

**Cake Auction! Bring a friend!**

# **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** *“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”*

**Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.**

**All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.**

**Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

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:** Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!” - to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



Children's Church

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a**

A reading from Genesis, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?”  
And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one  
said, “I will surely return to you in due season,  
and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 15**

**R:** LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C:** **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

R: they do not slander with the tongue,  
they do no evil to their friends; they do not  
cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and  
do not take back their word.**

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**C: Amen.**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28**

A reading from Colossians, the 1st chapter.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him -

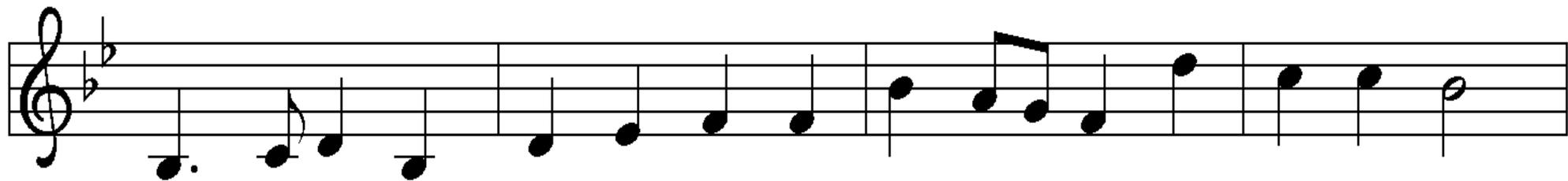
provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

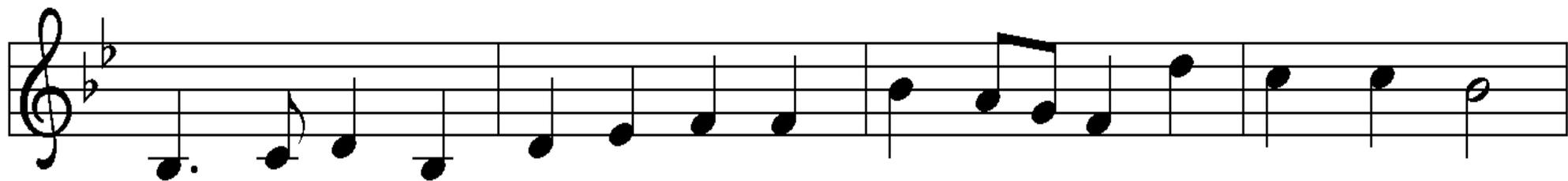
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# ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked,

“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

# **SERMON**

**“What’s Most Important?”**

# **Hymn of the Day *“God, Whose Almighty Word”***

**God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Christ, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might:  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light.**

## **LUTHER'S MEANING OF THE 3rd ARTICLE OF THE CREED**

**I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.**

**Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins - mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true. Amen!**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need. (*A brief silence.*) For the church, visible and invisible; for all servants of the gospel; and for the holy people of God, that we hear your word and share your supper, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For favorable weather; for calm waters and seas; and for all creation, that it become for us a reflection of God's glory. For those affected by natural disasters, that they be provided relief, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** For those who help make our communities safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders, that God's peace and compassion come also to us, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, those awaiting the birth of children, and all people in need (*especially*), that Christ, our great physician, care for all who are in distress, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** For those who are distracted by overwork and those who seek more adequate employment, that we recognize God's goodness in vocations of all kinds, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: In thanksgiving for those who have died and are now at peace, and for their lives that bear witness to the hope promised in the resurrection, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~**

***“When We Agree Together”***

**by the Gaither Vocal Band**



## **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:** Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG “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.**

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**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 forth into the world to serve God with gladness, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



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