



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**June 23, 2019**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **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**

***“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”***

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song  
shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down  
before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness  
hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory  
may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none  
beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in  
earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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:** This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific - the demonic - nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

**C: Amen.**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord God,

**C: we bring before you the cries of a  
sorrowing world. In your mercy set  
us free from the chains that bind us,  
and defend us from everything that is  
evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. Amen.**

# Children's Church



## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

A reading from Isaiah, the 65<sup>th</sup> chapter.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants  
shall settle there.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 22**

**R:** But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**C:** **Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

R: Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you  
have rescued me.

**C: I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will  
praise you.**

**P:** You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you  
offspring of Israel.

**C:** **For the LORD does not despise nor  
abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from  
them; but when they cry out, the  
LORD hears them.**

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give  
praise! May your hearts live forever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

A reading from Galatians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

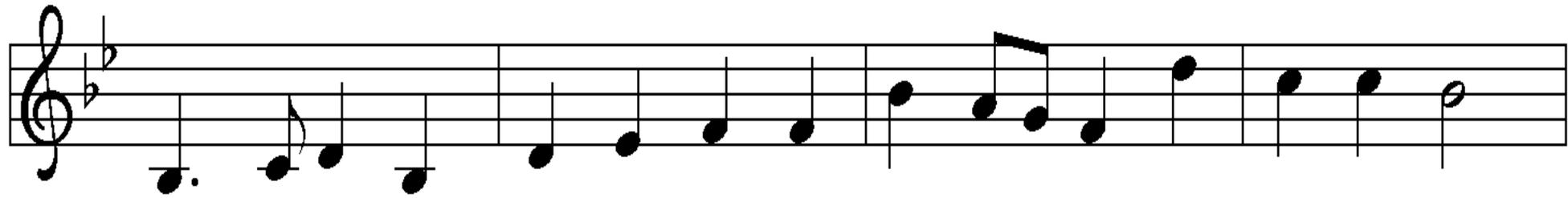
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

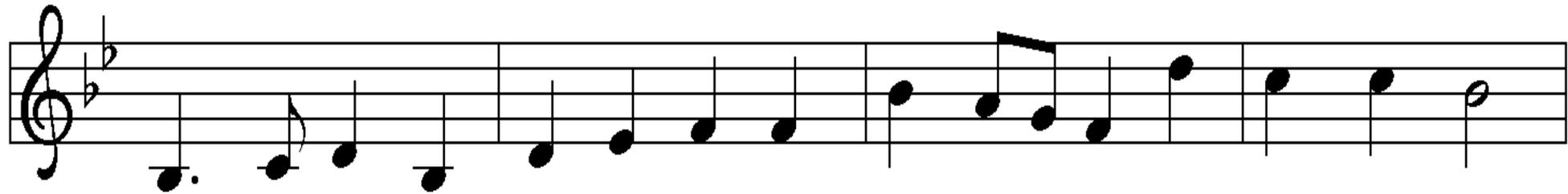
R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# 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 8:26-39.**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke,  
the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds. Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?”

He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear.

So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

# **SERMON**

**“Declare How Much  
God Has Done for You!”**

## **Hymn of the Day *“Healer of Our Every Ill”***

### ***Refrain***

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

**You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

## ***Refrain***

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

**In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love.**

***Refrain***

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

**Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.**

***Refrain***

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

**You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.**

***Refrain***

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

# **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:** Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need. *(A brief silence.)* For all servants of the gospel, for the church throughout the world, and for all who sing the praise and glory of God, that through the gift of faith, all declare the wonderful name of Christ, let us pray.

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

**P:** For the well-being of creation, for mountains and lakes, for fields and forests, and for plants and animals, that God lift up good stewards to care for the entire earth, let us pray.

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

P: For the nations and their rulers, for aid workers, and for people in war-torn areas (*especially*), that God raise up leaders and advocates to work for the equality of all, let us pray.

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

**P:** For all who cry out in need: the hungry and poor, the downtrodden and outcast, the grieving and the sick (*especially*), that all know that God is near and hears their cries, let us pray.

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

**P:** For teachers preparing for the upcoming school year, for those who are traveling and absent from worship, and for those who visit our congregation, that God's love lead them in their daily vocations, let us pray.

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

P: For all baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, including those who have died (*especially*). Confident that we belong to you in life and in death, 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 ~**  
***“God’s Not Dead”* by Newsboys**



# 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.**

**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.**

# **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

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









