



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**October 6, 2019**

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
the strength of our ancestors, the host  
of this meal, the builder of the city that is  
to come.

**C:** Amen.

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful. *(A brief silence.)*  
God our helper,

**C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions.**

**Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen  
for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.**

**P:** There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**C: Amen.**

# **OPENING HYMN**

***“God Is Here!”***

**God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.**

**Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

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:** 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. (*A brief silence.*)

Benevolent, merciful God:

**C: 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

## **Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

### **A reading from Habakkuk.**

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.**

## **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 37**

**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 2 Timothy.**

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.

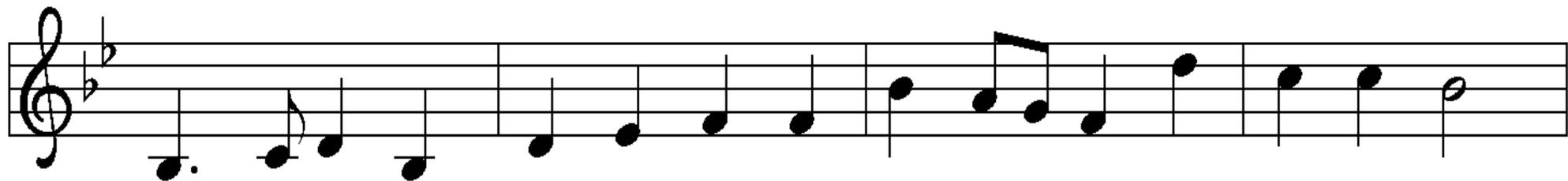
Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through 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

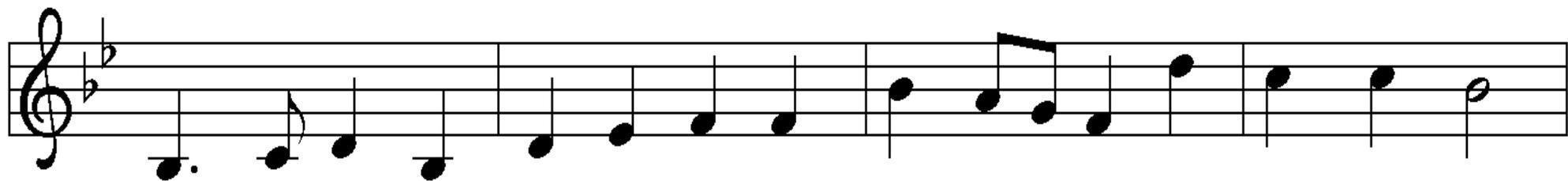
been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and Immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom 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.

# 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 17:5-10**

**P:** 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**

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

**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!<sub>2</sub>**

**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!**

**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.**

**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!**

# **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: Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence)*. Increase the faith of your church. Give us courage when we are reticent in sharing your love. Renew in us your holy calling, according to your own purpose and grace.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Tend the garden of your creation that teems with all kinds of life. Restore us as caretakers of animals and plants, mindful of the generations to come.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Destruction and violence are ever before us,  
and strife and contention rise up in many  
nations. Draw to yourself all the people of  
the world, emboldening them to strive for  
peaceful and just solutions to conflict.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** You promise life and wholeness to those who wait patiently for you, and you hear those who cry out to you for help. Heal the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and attend to all in need of your care (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Rekindle your gift of love in this community.  
Bind together in Christ the weak and the strong, those with little faith and those with much. Help us to respond to one another with Christlike compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We remember with gratitude the faithful who have guided the next generations. Gather us and all your holy ones into the eternal, risen life in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of 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.**

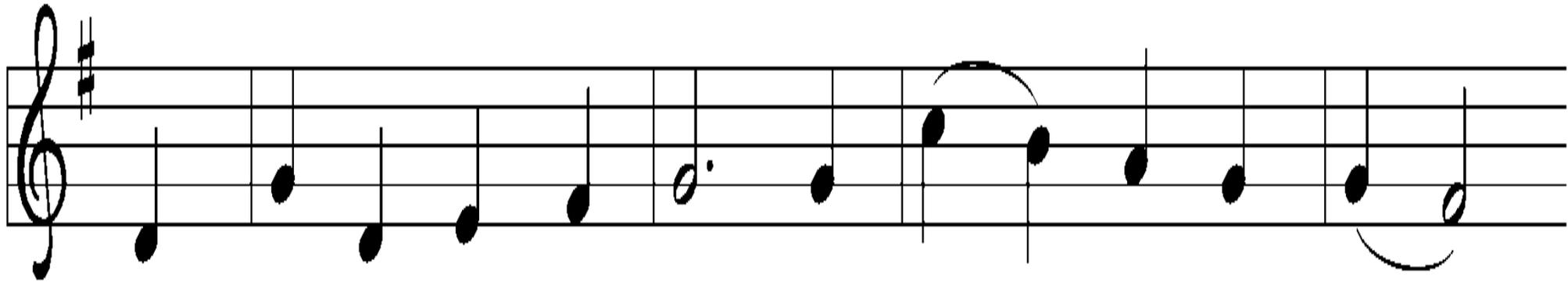
# **OFFERING**

**~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~**

***“Joy”***

**by for King & Country**

## 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:** God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:** God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

***“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”***

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you  
mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free."**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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











