



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**September 1, 2019**

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and 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 *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heav'nly king,  
but children of the heav'nly king  
may tell their joys abroad,  
may tell their joys abroad.

### Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound,  
and ev'ry tear be dry;  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high.

### Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

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:** Invited and inviting - that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH



# Kid's Church

## **FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7**

A reading from Proverbs, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 112**

**R:** Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**C:** **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

R: Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**C: Light shines in the darkness for the  
upright; the righteous are merciful and  
full of compassion.**

R: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**C: For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in ever  
lasting remembrance.**

R: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**C: Their heart is established and will not  
shrink, until they see their desire upon  
their enemies.**

R: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

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## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

A reading from Hebrews, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

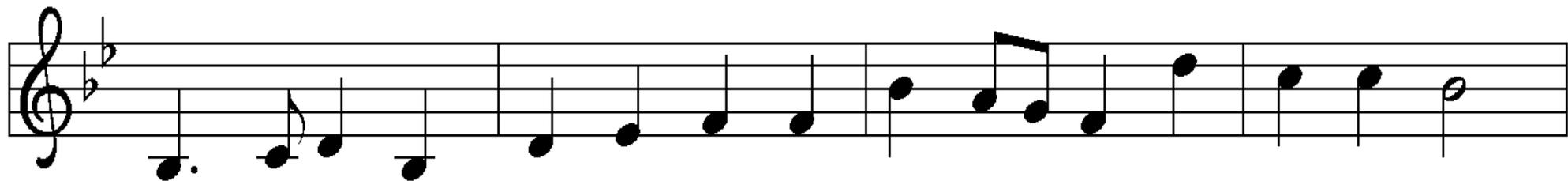
Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

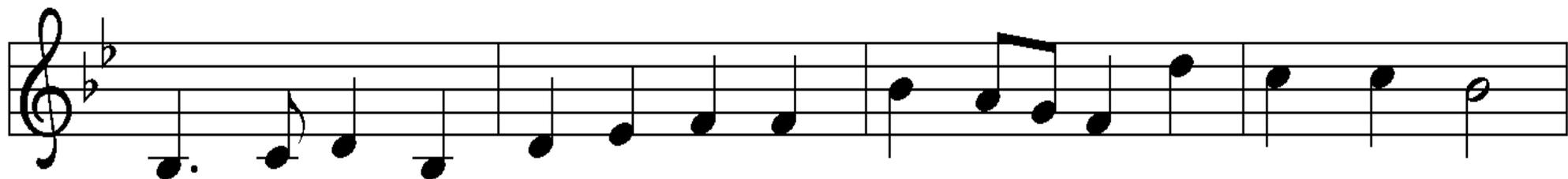
R: Word of God, word of life.

**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 14:1, 7-14**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke,  
the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor,

in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him,

“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

# **SERMON**

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## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”***

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth 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: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *(A brief silence.)* God of peace, we pray for the leaders, teachers, and preachers who fearlessly share your word and who reveal you through humble sacrifice. Uphold and sustain all who seek to live in a way that is pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of generosity, we pray for crops growing ripe in the fields and fruit becoming ready to harvest. Grant safety to workers who will gather this bounty, and bless the yield to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of power, we pray for humility, kindness, and generosity to be instilled in the leaders of all nations. Inspire them to become models of servanthood, and to work for worldwide peace and prosperity.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of love, we pray for all those who are forgotten or pushed aside; for those who are suffering from poverty, neglect, physical or emotional trauma; and those who are homeless or are without a homeland (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of grace, we pray for students of all ages and disciplines, teachers and professors, teaching assistants and aids, substitute teachers, and administrators. Provide safety in travel and in the classroom, so that a spirit of learning is fostered for all.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of mercy, we remember those you love who now rest from their labors. Grant all your beloved saints a place at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Assured by your promise to hear us,  
we lay our prayers before your throne of  
grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

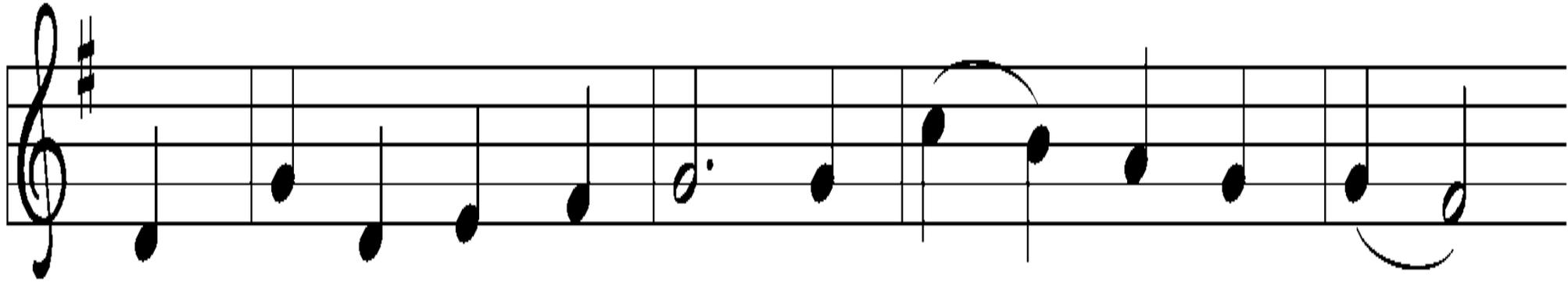
**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~**

**Church (Take Me Back)  
by Cochren & Co.**

# 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** *“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”*

**Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

# DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



A very special thank you  
to Rev. Gary Erickson  
for leading us in worship  
today! God Bless!











