



Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ*

26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregation of Faith Lutheran Church is hereby summoned to its annual meeting **TODAY**, following worship. Potluck luncheon will follow the meeting.

Temple Talk (via DVD): Bishop Jeffrey Clements: “Giving In Generosity”

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence
of God and of one another.

(*A brief silence.*) Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and
cannot free ourselves. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by
what we have done and by what we have
left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

~ OPENING HYMN ~

“My Hope is Built On Nothing Less”

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.**

Refrain

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**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.**

Refrain

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**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!**

Refrain

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**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand**

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

P: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

ALL: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

**Embrace us with your mercy, that
with you as our ruler and guide,
we may live through what is
temporary without losing what is
eternal, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi, the 4th chapter.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven,
when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be
stubble; the day that comes shall burn them
up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will
leave them neither root nor branch.

But for you who revere my name the sun
of righteousness shall rise, with healing in
its wings.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 98 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

R: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

R: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the
harp and the voice of song.

C: **With trumpets and the sound of the
horn shout with joy before the king,
the LORD.**

R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

R: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from 2 Thessalonians, the 3rd chapter.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21: 5-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.”

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.”

This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

~ SERMON ~

**“Signs of a Healthy
Congregation”**

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, 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: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.
(A brief silence.)

P: For the church, for missionaries and teachers, clergy and laity, and all ministers who proclaim the gospel in word and deed, that the Sun of righteousness enlighten the whole earth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For rivers and lakes, hills and mountains, fruit and vegetables, and animals great and small, that creation thrive and that we care for all God has given us, let us pray.

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

P: For all in authority at the local, state, provincial, national and international levels, for those who advocate for equity, and for relief workers and their supporters, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For those who hunger or thirst, for those who doubt or are terrified, for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for caregivers, that all experience the healing and comfort given through Christ, let us pray.

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

P: For those gathered in this place to hear the gospel and receive the good gifts of God through Christ Jesus, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we serve our neighbor who is in need, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: In thanksgiving for men and women of every time and place who have died in Christ, and that we follow their examples of faithful living, let us pray.

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

P: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

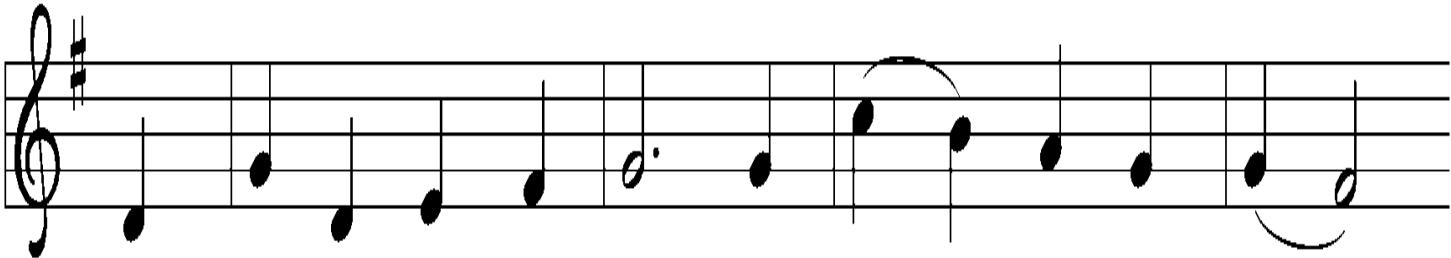
C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.
C. And also with you.

~ *VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY* ~

“Rise” by Danny Gokey



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: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, to whom, with you and
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory
forever,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

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: We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the
healing power of this gift of life. In your
mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.



