



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 27, 2017

75th Anniversary Celebration Service

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Church



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Our
Legacy



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS RECEIVED

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and
of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.)*
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 “*The Church's One Foundation*”

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION

P: In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission.

Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



**CHILDREN'S
CHURCH**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah, the 51st chapter.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD ; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 138

R: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

R: When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you,
O LORD, when they have heard the words
of your mouth.**

R: They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**C: The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe; you stretch forth your
hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

**C: You will make good your purpose for
me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures
forever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans, the 12th chapter.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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: Matthew 16:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



SERMON
Guest Pastor, Rev. Kendra Nolde

HYMN OF THE DAY *“All Are Welcome”*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:**

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

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: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)*

God our rock, provide a strong foundation for your church on earth. Unite it in joyful praise, service, and mission.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You make deserts into gardens and the wilderness into Eden. Restore the clean and pleasant beauty of your creation.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You shine the light of justice on the nations. Deliver us quickly from evil, protect the defenseless, and bring peace to warring lands (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You renew our minds and transform our bodies. Wait with all who seek a cure or long for relief from chronic pain.

Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer illness in spirit, mind, or body (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You give gifts to all. Build up this assembly. Increase our generosity, compassion, and cheerfulness. Lift up from among us prophets, ministers, teachers, and diligent leaders. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your salvation lasts forever. Console us here on earth until we join all who praise you without end. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: (Prayer of thanksgiving for 75 years of congregational life.)

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~
“Household of Faith”
by Steve Green

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gifts may be
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, oh Lord, from thee.*

*May we thou bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

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 “*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*”

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Thank
You** 

**Thanks again to Rev. Kendra Nolde!
You helped make our special day even better!**



*Please join us for
cake and punch
in our
Fellowship Room,
as we celebrate our
75th Anniversary!*











































