

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Annual Outdoor Worship Service

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Thank You, Steve Weber,
for playing and for sharing
your music with us today!***



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy
endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through Jesus
Christ our 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.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

***“This is the Day”* by Les Garrett**

**This is the day – (echo:) This is the day,
That the Lord has made – (echo:) That the
Lord has made.**

**Let us rejoice – (echo:) Let us rejoice,
And be glad in it – (echo:) And be glad in it.**

***All: This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made.***

**This is the day – (echo:) This is the day,
That the Lord has made – (echo:) That the
Lord has made.**

**Let us rejoice – (echo:) Let us rejoice,
And be glad in it – (echo:) And be glad in it.**

***All: This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made.***

“Hallelujah”

by Leonard Cohen (Rewrite by Fred Hewitt)

We gather in His name today

To hear his Word, to kneel and pray

To sing out Psalms and sing out hallelujah

He died for us, and rose again

To heal our wounds , forgive our sins

So raise your voice and sing out hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelu ~ jah

**With joyful voice we stand and sing
A hymn of praise unto our King
To God the Father sing out Hallelujah
He calls us each by name today
To guide our lives to See His way
So sing out now a joyous hallelujah
*Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelu ~ jah***

**He died for us, and rose again
To heal our wounds , forgive our sins
So raise your voice and sing out hallelujah
He calls us each by name today
To guide our lives to See His way
So sing out now a joyous hallelujah
*Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelu
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelu ~ jah***

“Here I Am To Worship” by Tim Hughes

**Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.**

***Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me!***

King of all days! Oh, so highly exalted!

Glorious in Heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor.

***Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me!***

Bridge

**I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross.**

Here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me!

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 today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, the 55th chapter.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price. Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread, and your labor for that
which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me,
and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in
rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 145

R: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

R: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C: The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

R: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

R: You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**C: You fulfill the desire of those who fear
you; you hear their cry and save them.**

R: You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**C: My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name
forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans, the 9th chapter.

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.


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 14:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew,
the 14th chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Greatest Church Picnic Ever!”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

by Matt Redman

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul!
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul!
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find!**

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul!
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

CHORUS:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul!

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name.

I'll worship Your holy name.

Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.

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 of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of abundance who provides fields of wheat and vineyards of grapes, bless farmers and growers who furnish bread and wine for tables of abundance.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all, fill those who are starving whether they long for food or companionship. Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of this congregation and community. Be with sandwich makers and cookie bakers, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless us as we remember the saints at
your everlasting feast until we join them
at your bountiful table.

Lord, in your mercy,

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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ OFFERING ~

“Christ Is Counting On You”

**Written and performed as a solo
by Steve Weber**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. 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: 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*** ~

COMMUNION SONGS

“God Of Wonders” by Third Day

**Lord of all creation,
Of water earth and sky
The Heavens are your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high.**

CHORUS:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth (echo)

Lord of heaven and earth.

**Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call your name by night.**

CHORUS:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth (echo)

Lord of heaven and earth.

Bridge

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

(3x)

CHORUS:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth (echo)

Lord of heaven and earth

Lord of heaven and earth (echo)

Lord of heaven and earth.

“Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone”

By Chris Tomlin

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

***My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.***

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

***My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace. (repeat)***

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.**

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: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“All the People Said, ‘Amen!’” by Matt Maher

**You are not alone if you are lonely,
When you feel afraid, you're not the only,
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free,
It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need!**

CHORUS:

And all the people said 'Amen!'

And all the people said 'Amen!'

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,

And all the people said 'Amen!'

Rich or poor - it doesn't matter.

Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.

We're all broken, but we're all in this together.

God knows we stumble and fall.

And He so loved the world,

He sent His son to save us all!

CHORUS:

And all the people said 'Amen!'

And all the people said 'Amen!'

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,

And all the people said 'Amen!'

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in Spirit who are torn apart.

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.

Blessed are the people hungry for another start.

For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God!

CHORUS:

And all the people said 'Amen!'

And all the people said 'Amen!'

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,

And all the people said 'Amen!'

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**Thanks again to Steve Weber!
Your music helped make our
special day even better!**



Let's Eat!



















































