

Faith Lutheran Church

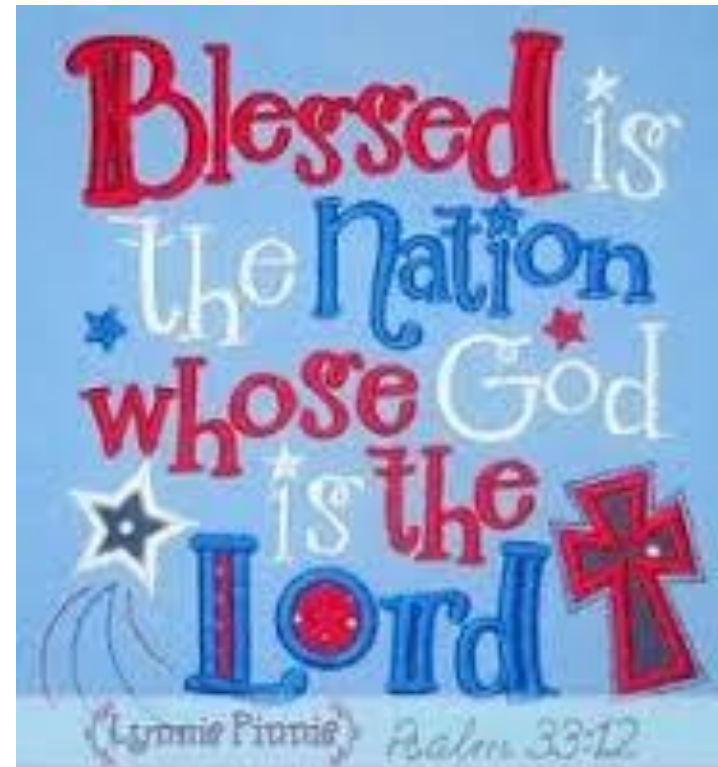
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 2, 2017**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.*)
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: 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies**

Refrain

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light**

Refrain

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight**

Refrain

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild.**

Refrain

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n.**

Refrain

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

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: The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

The logo features the words "CHILDREN'S" and "CHURCH" in a large, blue, dashed font. The letter "C" in "CHURCH" is significantly larger than the other letters. Five diverse cartoon children's faces are integrated into the text: a boy with a crown is positioned between the "C" and the "H"; a girl with orange hair is between the "H" and the "U"; a girl with brown hair and a red headband is between the "U" and the "R"; a boy with black hair is between the "R" and the "C"; and a boy with brown hair is between the "C" and the "H". The entire logo is centered on a white background and enclosed within a green double-line border.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah, the 28th chapter.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so;

may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 89

R: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

C: **For I am persuaded that your steadfast
love is established forever; you have set
your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

R: “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: ‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”

R: Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

C: They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

R: For you are the glory of their strength, and
by your favor our might is exalted.

**C: Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our
king to the Holy One of Israel. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans, the 6th chapter.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.


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 10:40-42

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew,
the 10th chapter.

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

Jesus said to the twelve: “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward;

and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Prophets Still Speak”

Hymn of the Day “*Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies*”

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

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: Called together in the Spirit's embrace,
let us pray for the mending of God's world.
(A brief silence.) We pray for the church.
For exiled Christians, oppressed churches,
and all who suffer persecution because of
faith in you: deliver freedom, courage, and
partners in peacemaking. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for the earth and its creatures.
For sage grouse, wolverines, and all
vulnerable species; for humans and the
choices we face: sustain life and guide our
stewardship of all that you have made.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for the United States and Canada as we celebrate the founding of our nations. For the president and prime minister; for the congress and parliament: grant wisdom and hearts for justice, that all our people flourish. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those in need. For those who seek jobs, shelter, food, health, and love; for dear ones known to us (*especially*): meet their need by your bountiful compassion and our community's action. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all who worship you today.
For wise elders and curious seekers,
joyful spirits and burdened souls: give holy
welcome, share tender mercies, and deepen
trust in your goodness. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith and received the reward of the righteous (*especially*). Bless their memory among us and their life with you.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

***by David Phelps and
Gaither Homecoming***

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

*We Give
Thee But Thine Own*

The logo consists of the words 'We Give Thee But Thine Own' in a mix of red and black cursive fonts. The word 'Give' is the largest and features a small red heart icon above the letter 'i'. The words 'Thee But' are smaller and positioned below 'We'. The words 'Thine Own' are also smaller and positioned below 'Give'.

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*** ~

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: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “*Choral Benediction*”

May the light of God shine on us today.

May the light of God shine on us today.

May it show us where to travel,

lead us back if we should stray,

May the light of God shine on us today.

**May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say,
May the love of God live in us today.**

**May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways,
May the peace of God be with us today.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

And I'm Proud To Be An
AMERICAN
Where At Least I Know I'm
FREE  *and i won't*
FORGET
The Men Who DIED
WHO gave that **RIGHT** to me.
And I Gladly Next To You And
STAND UP **DEFEND**
HER *still*  **Cuz there ain't** 
today. **NO** *doubt*
I **LOVE** *this land.* 
God Bless **the U.S.A.**



**God Bless
America**
*Wishing you a blessed
and delicious 4th of July.*

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



ONE NATION
UNDER
GOD



To our men and
women in uniform...
*past, present
and future*

God bless you...
and thank you.































































