

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**     *Shout to the Lord*   ELW 821

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

C **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.**

P Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

C **At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.     Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *You Are Holy*   ELW 525

## PASTORAL WELCOME

*Faith's Mission is to preach, teach, and share God's love in Christ.*

## GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:44-48

**A** The First Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 98 *(sung responsively)*

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

**O Lord, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

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.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.**

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

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

The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

### SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

**A** The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of First John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

**John 15:9-17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Jesus said: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*You may be seated*

**SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love* ELW 708

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**FAITH MISSION MOMENT**

**THE STEWARD'S LIFESTYLE**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church...God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation...God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations...God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith...God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death...God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

## LET THE VINEYARDS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*please stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C** **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**

*You may be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C** **Amen.**

### **COMMITMENT CARD BLESSING**

#### **BLESSING**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* ELW 389

#### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**