

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**     *Be Glorified*   ELW 744

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P     Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C     **Amen.**

P     Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P     God, our provider,

C     **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P     Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C     **Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE:

## Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*

*Kwa - ke* *Ye - su na - si - ma - ma,* *ndi - ye*  
 Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

*mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.* *Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*  
 sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

*ma,* *ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*  
 life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

*Refrain*

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

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### 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 are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

**A** The First Lesson is from the 17th chapter of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

### PSALM 92 *read responsively*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; 14-17

**A** The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



**GOSPEL  
4:26-34**



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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**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:** *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

**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 into hell.  
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.**

*You may be seated.*

## **FAITH MISSION MOMENT & GOD SIGHTINGS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

Abba God, we pray for your children, our church family...Merciful God,	<b>receive our prayer.</b>
Holy One, Holy Three, we pray for our community and our local neighborhoods...	
Merciful God,	<b>receive our prayer.</b>
Faithful God, we pray for our nation...Merciful God,	<b>receive our prayer.</b>
Lord of all, we pray for our planet and all who live here...Merciful God,	<b>receive our prayer.</b>
Healing God, we pray for all those in special need of your care...Merciful God,	<b>receive our prayer.</b>
God of all blessing and grace, we rejoice with those who rejoice...Merciful God,	<b>receive our prayer.</b>
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord	<b>Amen.</b>

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

*please stand as you are able.*

### **LET THE VINEYARDS**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and 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 with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*please stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

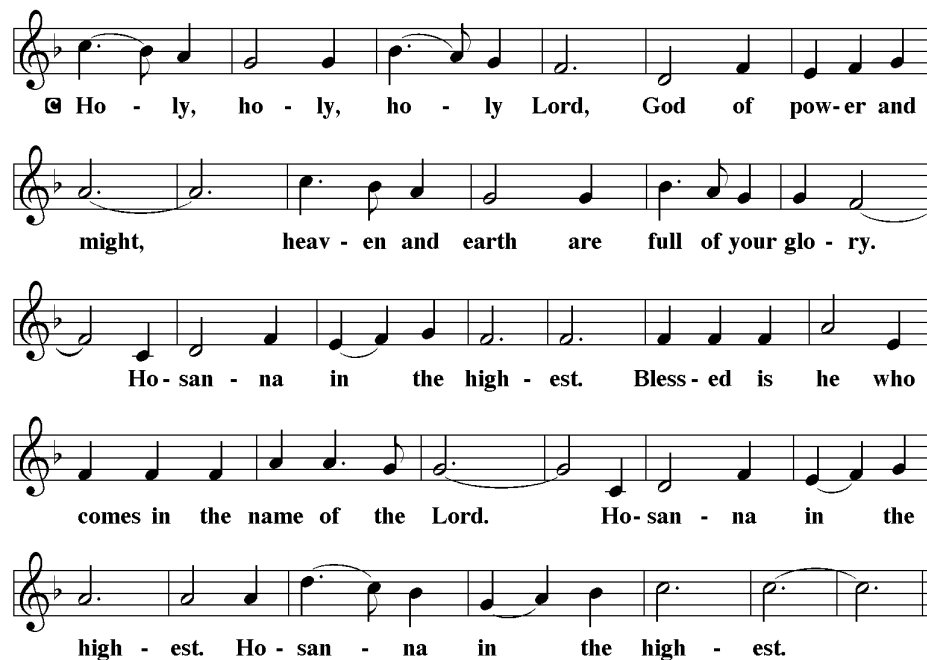
Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

P	The Lord be with you.	C	And also with you.
P	Lift up your hearts.	C	We lift them up to the Lord.
P	Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.	C	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, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

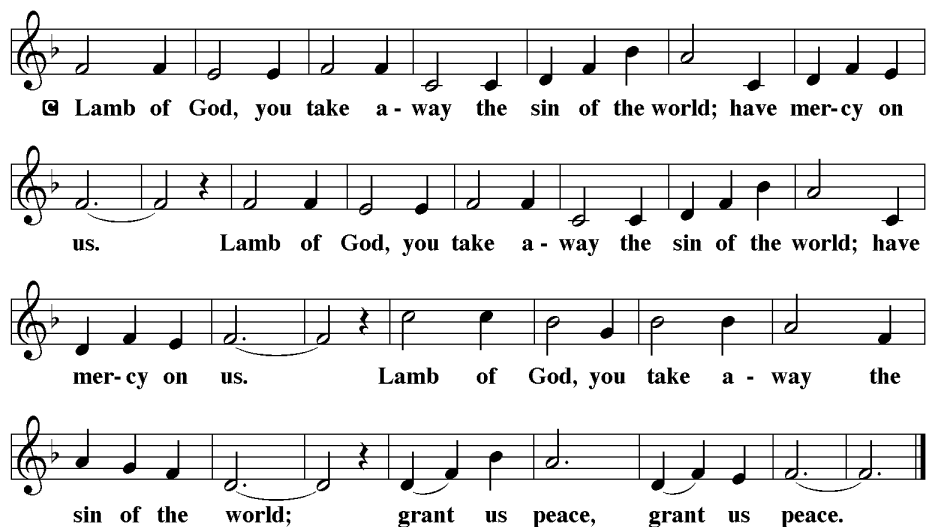
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
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. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.1

### BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C Amen

**Sending Song:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ELW 547

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE