

# 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:**     *Lord, Be Glorified* ELW 744

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## PASTORAL WELCOME

*Faith's Mission is to openly share the saving grace of Jesus' love.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Lead on Good Shepherd* by Patrick Mayberry

Well, I've been turned 'round but I've never been lost  
Seen the water get troubled, but we walked across  
When my knees were shaking, you held my hand  
Turning my problems to a Promised Land

**Refrain: Lead on, Good Shepherd, I'll follow all my days. There ain't nothing sweeter than to watch You make a way. You've walked me through the valley, but You never steered me wrong  
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.**

Seen some mighty deep canyons that You brought me through  
Seen some mighty big mountains that just up and moved  
Glory, glory, hallelujah  
Yeah, that's my song  
Walking with my Father into the great unknown

**Refrain**

**Chorus:** Step by step, day by day  
Lead me on, Lord, I pray  
Road gets dark, walk by faith  
Lead on, Good Shepherd (sing twice)

**Refrain**

**Chorus**

Lead on, Good Shepherd (sing 5xs). Lead on!

**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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen**

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 45:1-7**

**A** The First Lesson is from the 45th chapter of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 21 *read responsively.*

The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; how greatly he exults in your victory!

**You have given him his heart's desire; you have not denied him the request of his lips.**

For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

**He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: length of days, forever and ever.**

His honor is great, because of your victory; splendor and majesty you bestow upon him.

**For you will give him everlasting blessings and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.**

For the king puts his trust in the Lord; because of the lovingkindness of the Most High, he will not fall.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

**A** The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of 1st Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

### John 17:1-11

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

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

After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**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:** *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* ELW 742

**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.**

*You may be seated.*

## **FAITH MISSION MOMENT**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Gentle Shepherd, draw near to those who are ill or in pain... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Eternal One, we give thanks for all who share in the joy of your resurrection...  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

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

### **OFFERING**

*Be Not Afraid, ELW 388 (sing 3xs)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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. 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, Lamb of God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing!* ELW 393

#### **DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

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

#### **POSTLUDE**