

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**     *Come, All You People* ELW 819

## 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.

*Silence for reflection.*

P    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.**

## PASTORAL WELCOME

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Shout To The Lord* ELW 821

## 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    Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C    **Amen**

*You may be seated.*

## NURSERY SCHOOL CHOIR

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

A The First Lesson is from the 20th chapter of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

#### PSALM 69 *read responsively.*

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

**Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

#### SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11

A The Second Lesson is from the 6th chapter of Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

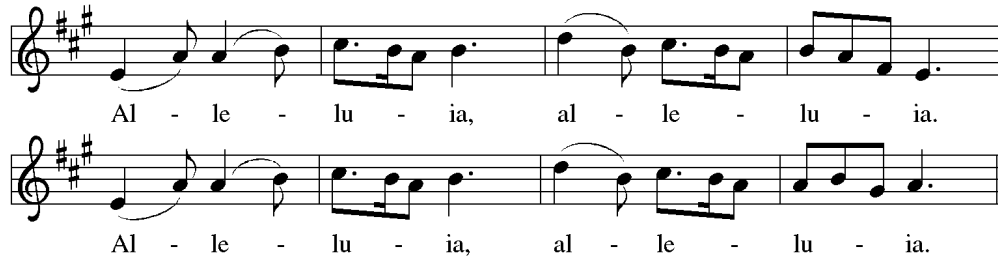
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.<sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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**GOSPEL**

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**Matthew 10:24-39**

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve: “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**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: *Borning Cry* ELW 732**

*You may be seated.*

**FAITH MISSION MOMENT**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for our church and community... God of grace,  
Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory... God of grace,  
Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority... God of grace,  
Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance... God of grace,  
Loving God, we give you thanks... God of grace,  
Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you,  
O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.**

**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

*We Are An Offering*, ELW 692

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

<b>P</b> The Lord be with you.	<b>C</b> <b>And also with you.</b>
<b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.	<b>C</b> <b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
<b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.	<b>C</b> <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## 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;**

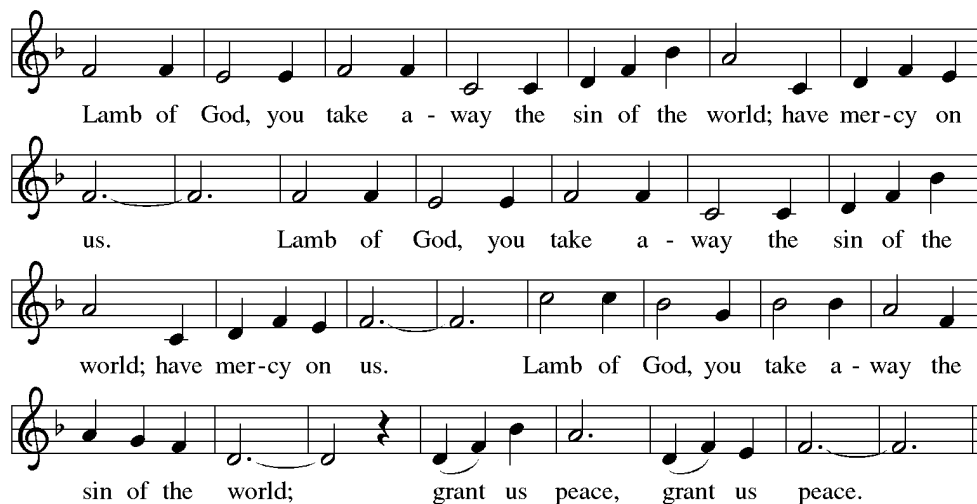
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### BLESSING OF GRADUATES

#### FAREWELL & GODSPEED

### BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen**

**Sending Song:** *This Is My Father's World* ELW 824

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**