

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**     *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*   ELW 512

## 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:** *Earth and All Stars!*   ELW 731

## 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    Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C    **Amen**

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 55:10-13

A The First Lesson is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 65 *read responsively.*

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

### SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

A The Second Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

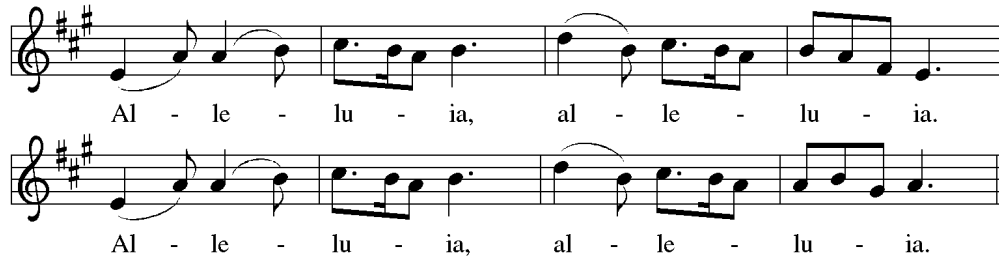
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**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:** *Be Thou My Vision* ELW 793

## 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

### 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.**

**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

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 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.

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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;**

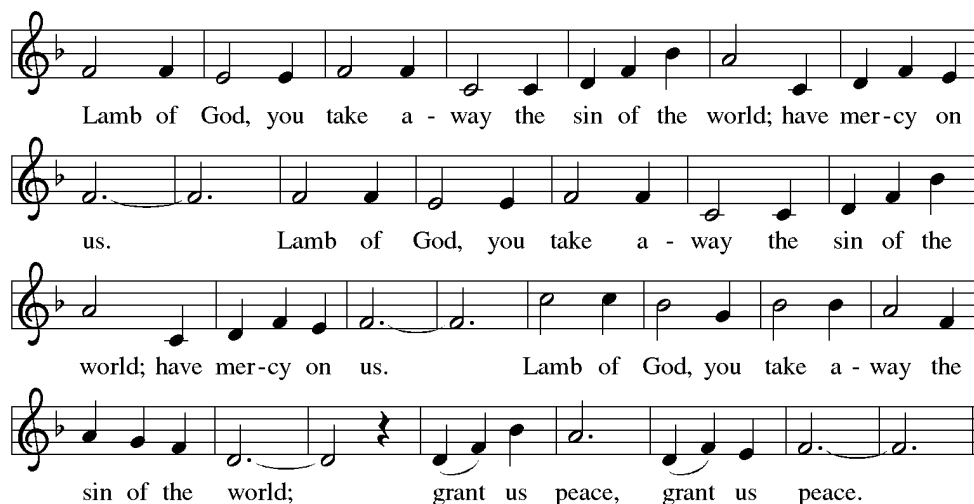
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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

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

C **Amen**

**Sending Song:** *Go My Children with My Blessing* ELW 543

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE