

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Every Move I Make* by David Ruis

Ev'ry move I make I make in you; You make me move, Jesus. Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.  
Ev'ry step I take, I take in You; You are my way, Jesus. Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.

Waves of mercy, waves of grace, ev'rywhere I look, I see your face. Your love has captured me. Oh, my God, this love, how can it be? How can it be? (sing twice)

## PASTORAL WELCOME

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

C **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Is The Feast*



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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 and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen  
*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON: JONAH 3:10-4:11

**A** The First Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

## PSALM 145 *read responsively.*

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

**A** The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

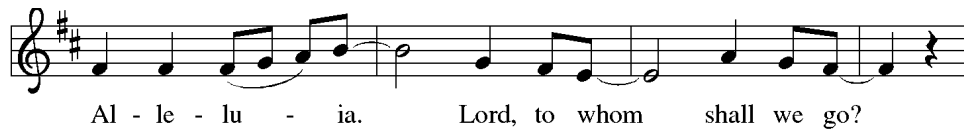
Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



### GOSPEL

#### Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**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:** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* ELW 659

## **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.*

## **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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.*

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray...Hear us, O God,

For the earth, we pray... Hear us, O God,

For the nations, we pray... Hear us, O God

For those in need, we pray... Hear us, O God,

We praise you for... Hear us, O God,

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation,  
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Your mercy is great.**

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**Your mercy is great.**

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

**C** And also with you.

**OFFERING** *As The Grains Of Wheat* ELW 465 *Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

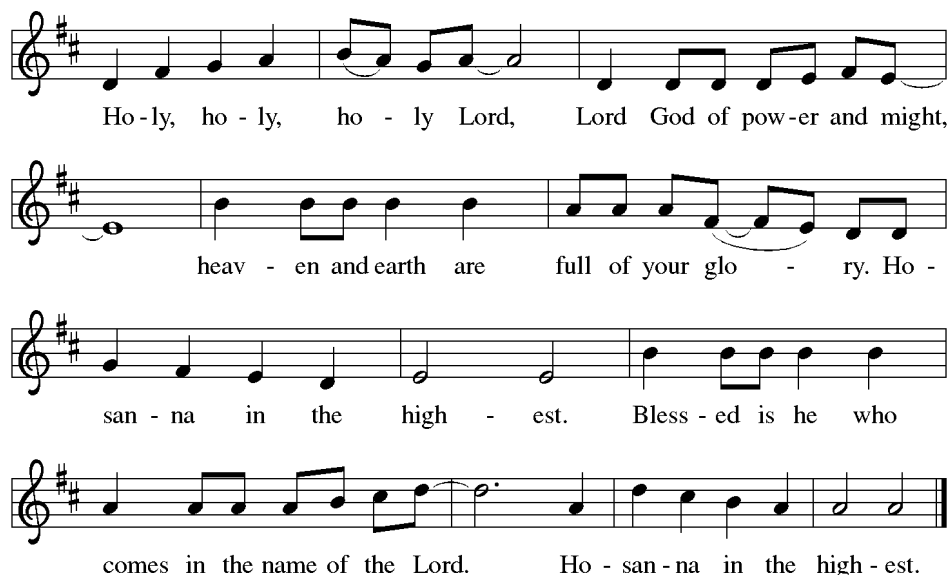
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

## 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *Lord Of All Hopefulness* ELW 765

### DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE