

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* ELW 814 (sing 3 times)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept 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:** *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* ELW 531

## PASTORAL WELCOME

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

## 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 Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 45:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> 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:
- <sup>2</sup> 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;
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> 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: Psalm 96:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

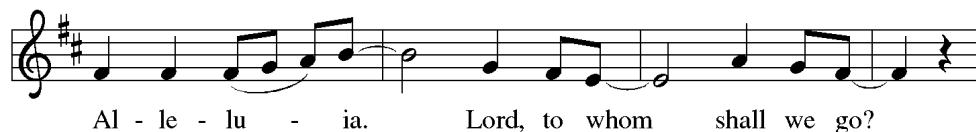
<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>15</sup> The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” <sup>21</sup> They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

A 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:** *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 685

**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**

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

*A brief silence.*

|                                                                                                          |                 |                             |
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| O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray...                                            | Hear us, O God, | <b>Your mercy is great.</b> |
| For the earth, we pray...                                                                                | Hear us, O God, | <b>Your mercy is great.</b> |
| For the nations, we pray...                                                                              | Hear us, O God, | <b>Your mercy is great.</b> |
| For those in need, we pray...                                                                            | Hear us, O God, | <b>Your mercy is great.</b> |
| We praise you for...                                                                                     | Hear us, O God, | <b>Your mercy is great.</b> |
| 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. <b>Amen.</b> |                 |                             |

**PEACE**

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

*please stand as you are able*

**OFFERING** *As the Grains of Wheat* ELW 465

## 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.

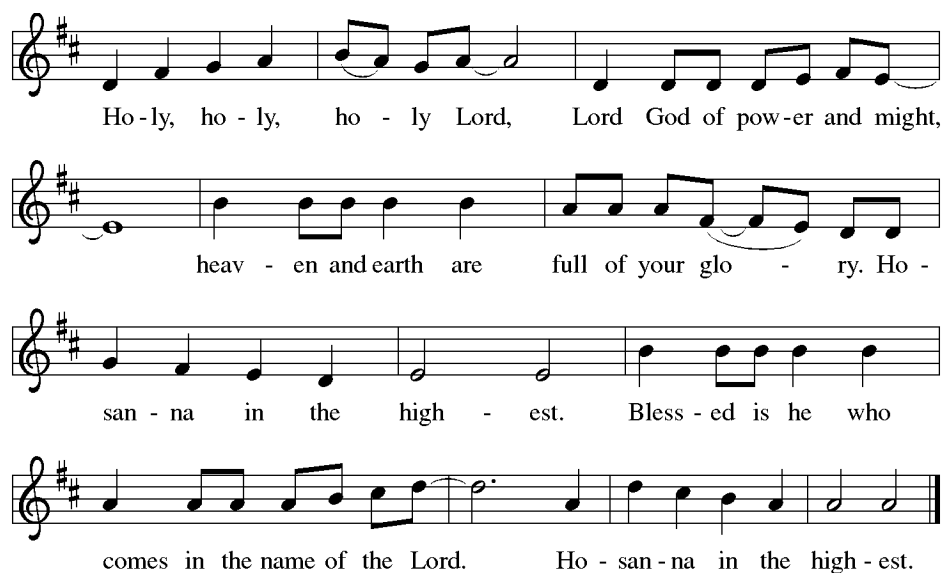
P Lift up your hearts.

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

### 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.*

### 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

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW 705

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE