

# Faith Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* ELW 671

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PASTORAL WELCOME

*Faith's Mission is to preach, teach, and share God's love in Christ.*

## 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 Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*You may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:21-31**

**A** The First Lesson is from the 40th chapter of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

### **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**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**  
**Mark 1:29-39**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *You may be seated*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *On Eagles Wings* ELW 787

*You may be seated.*

**THE SCOUT LAW**

**Leader:** The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days.

- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

**Scouts:** A Scout is trustworthy.

**Leader:** He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

**Scouts:** A Scout is loyal.

**Leader:** You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. ... (Leviticus 19:18)

- For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to thy needy and to the poor, in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

**Scouts:** A Scout is helpful.

**Leader:** Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

**Scouts:** A Scout is friendly.

**Leader:** Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

**Scouts:** A Scout is courteous.

**Leader:** A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

**Scouts:** A Scout is kind.

**Leader:** Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

**Scouts:** A Scout is obedient.

**Leader:** A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:13-15)

**Scouts:** A Scout is cheerful.

**Leader:** Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

**Scouts:** A Scout is thrifty.

**Leader:** Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

**Scouts:** A Scout is brave.

**Leader:** Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)

**Scouts:** A Scout is clean.

**Leader:** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

**Scouts:** A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

**ON MY HONOR**

**Leader:** All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

**Scouts:** On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

**Leader:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

**Scouts:** On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

**Leader:** And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

- Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

**Scouts:** On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

**Leader:** Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

- Do you know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

**Scouts:** On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

**Leader:** Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5)

- How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

**Scouts:** On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

**Leader:** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

*You may be seated.*

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

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you –

For the sustaining goodness of your creation...

For the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...

For the gifts of relationship with others...

For communion of faith in your church...

Let us speak aloud and meditate on all we are thankful for. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

For those who govern nations of the world...

For the people in places ravaged by strife or warfare...  
 For all who work for peace and international harmony...  
 For all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...  
 For the church of Jesus Christ in every land...  
 For all those on our prayer list...

Let us speak aloud and meditate on all that there is to pray for. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**OFFERING**

*please stand as you are able*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P	The Lord be with you.	C	<b>And also with you.</b>
P	Lift up your hearts.	C	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
P	Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.	C	<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 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** 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, Lamb of God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

**P** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

**C** **Amen**

**Sending Song:** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* ELW 860

#### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

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

#### POSTLUDE