

# *Pentecost Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church*

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2020

*Worship Service*

Print = Pastor or Worship Leader

**Bold** = Congregation

♪ = Sing



*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

GATHERING

LIGHT CANDLE



## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. *(Silence)*

God of mercy,

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God + through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together the prayer of the day:

**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. Amen.**

# WORD

The First Lesson is from Jeremiah in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Jeremiah 20:7-13** OT Page #803

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*



7O 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. 8For 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. 9If 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. 10For 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." 11But the LORD is with me like a dread 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. 12O 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. 13Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for today is **Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18** will you please read it responsively with me.

*Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

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.**

[I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.]

**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.**

The Second Lesson is from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of **Romans**

**Romans 6:1b-11** NT Page #162

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

1Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we have been 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 too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Alleluia**  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 10:24-39** NT Page #10

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25it 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! 26So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 34Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For 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; 36and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37Whoever 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; 38and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

## OFFERING

*We also encourage those who are able to continue to make their faithful, generous offerings to FAITH. We know that some will be unable to do this, especially if they lose their jobs or work hourly in an industry that has been hard-hit by this situation. If you are able those offerings can be mailed to the church.*

## PRAYER

*Then enter into a time of prayer, sharing in prayer requests that you have received and praying for those specifically.*

## CLOSING

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



### BLESSING

May God who has claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the † Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PEACE

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## EXTINGUISH CANDLE

