

# *Pentecost Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church*

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

*Worship Service*

Print = Pastor or Worship Leader

**Bold** = Congregation

♪ = Sing



*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## GATHERING

## LIGHT CANDLE

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

A word spoken, a voice heard,

**A dream revealed, a mission received.**

God calls, again and again.

**God beckons us to follow.**

To love, to serve.

**To give, again and again.**

God invites us to embrace the lonely,

**To feed the hungry, to tell the Good News of Jesus.**

**To love and serve, and to sing praise all our days.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray together,

**God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in this sacred space, open our minds and souls and hearts that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us, we pray, to follow you as you lead us to the place you have created for us. Forgive us, where we have fallen short of your will for us and renew our troubled spirit with the assurance of your love and mercy.**

As a little boy offered five loaves and two fish to feed a multitude, we gather in this time of worship to offer our gifts to our God and one another. With God's blessing, may our gifts be transformed as water and bread, justice and peace. Let us rejoice in the sacred love we share with humanity.

**In the name of Jesus. Amen**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together the prayer of the day:

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

The First Lesson is from Isaiah in the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Isaiah 55:1-5** OT Page #760

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*



1Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for today is **Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21** will you please read it responsively with me.

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

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

**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

The Second Lesson is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of **Romans**

**Romans 9:1-5** NT Page #165

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—2I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 14:13-21** NT Page #16

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

13Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## EXTINGUISH CANDLE

