Faith Lutheran Church

August 7, 2016

VBS Celebration

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**Sunday, August 07, 2016**

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

**INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to High Seas Expedition!! We explored the mighty love of God all week. It was a swashbuckling adventure through God’s Word, and we discovered that God shows his powerful love throughout Scripture. This year at Vacation Bible School, the children had the opportunity to sing, play games, create crafts, have lots of fun with hilarious skits, and eat tasty snacks! But most importantly, they discovered God’s mighty power through scripture.

*If hearing assistance is needed, please ask an usher for a personal PA receiver.*

*The ushers also have large print copies of today’s worship folder available.*

*If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during*

*any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.*

*There is a nursery available during the worship service for those who wish*

*to use it. It is located at the end of the hall beyond the coat racks.*

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“vast Voyage”

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.*

*Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

**Prayer Requests**

**PRELUDE**

*The pre-service music signals the beginning of the worship service. Silence during the*

*pre-service music enables worshipers to prepare for worship through quiet meditation.*

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

**readings**

**psalm 119:151** Molly Hereza

“But you are near, O Lord, and all your commands are true.”

**Psalm 119-50** Dane Webb

“Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles.”

**Psalm 119:18** Griffin Ransom

“Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.”

**Psalm 119:37**  Brenna Seeley

Give me life through your word.”

**Psalm 119:90** Sami Ransom

“Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created.”

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“today Is the Day”

**Sermon  “**Change of Direction”

*The assembly stands*

“Your Life Will Change”

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

**Prayers of thanksgiving**

God’s word is true. Sami Ransom

**Amen**

God’s word is comforting. Isaac Webb

**Amen**

God’s word is surprising. Sami Ransom

**Amen**

God’s word is life-changing. Isaac Webb

**Amen**

God’s word is for everyone. Zach Hereza

**Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray

for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.*

*To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the*

*prayers, and the assembly responds:*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**We will sing a song to share the peace of Christ.**

**“Ha-La-La-La”**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words, or follow the song’s actions.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,*

*including the care of those in need.*

“vast Voyage”

“Shout to the North”

*The assembly stands*

**Offering Prayer**

God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you,

and you open your hand in blessing.

Fill us with good things at your table,

that we may come to the help of all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.

Welcome to the feast.

**Communion**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS worshiping with us today and invite all baptized Christians to come to the Lord’s table. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing. There will be one chalice (cup) of wine, as well as trays of individual cups. In the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

**Communion Song**

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Communion Music:

“Ancient Words”

“Let Praises Ring”

*The assembly stands*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, as a mother comforts her child,

so you comfort your people,

carrying us in your arms

and satisfying us with this food and drink,

the body and blood of Christ.

Send us now as your disciples,

announcing peace and proclaiming

that the reign of God has come near;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Jump Jump”

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**The psalmist states (Psalm 50:23) that thanksgiving is the sacrifice that best glorifies God. Welcome to worship as we thank and praise the Lord together.**

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July 31 worship attendance: 117

Serving Faith Today August 14 \_\_\_\_

Acolyte

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Dane Webb Jim Johnson

Drew Williams

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