

**November 10, 2019**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4515 Dobie Road  
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### **Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost**

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

Pastor:..... Ellen Schoepf  
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Aids for hearing, children's activity bulletins, and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.



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.

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.

Faith Lutheran livestreams its services. No names of participants are broadcast.

*Ushers: Bowers/Whitmyer  
Greeter: Rich Weingartner  
Altar Care: Brenda Kopf & Rich Weingartner  
Acolyte: Paige Lewis  
Reader: Atu Ngasala  
Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner  
Nursery: Pam Williams  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Bob & Connie Nelson*

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.  
Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

Bi-Weekly Announcement packets are available in the Narthex.  
Prayer requests and praises are listed in the announcement packets.

## **Introduction to the day**

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer Requests

#### Prelude

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

arr. James Kimball

### GATHERING

*The Assembly Stands*

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
healer of our every ill,  
source of unending mercy.

**Amen.**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,  
let us turn again to God,  
confessing the truth about ourselves.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we come before you, beloved but broken.**  
**We have not always treated others**  
**as we would want them to treat us.**  
**We have not always called out injustice and abuse.**  
**We have not always been kind to ourselves.**  
**We have not always taken care of the world**  
**we share with other living creatures.**  
**Remind us of who we are,**  
**beloved children bathed in your love.**  
**Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,**  
**bringing healing to the brokenness around us.**  
**Amen.**

At every moment  
you are held in existence by the love of God,  
renewed by the Spirit within and among you,  
and made alive again in Christ.

Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:

you are ✝️ forgiven and freed  
to live for the healing of the world.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*ELW #645*

## **GREETING**

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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

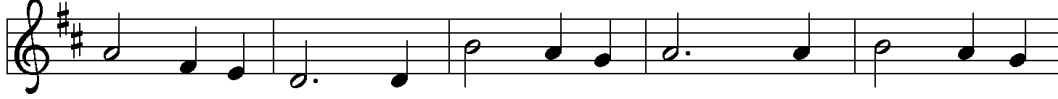
*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 19:23-27a

**Reader: Atu Ngasala**

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

A reading from Job.

<sup>23</sup>“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

*The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

<sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of



Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***I Know That My Redeemer Lives!***

***ELW #517***

### **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 INTERCESSION**

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.*

*To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:*

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

My Lord, What a Morning (Traditional spiritual, arr. Hayes)

Bob Nelson, soloist

## OFFERING RESPONSE

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our creator,  
you give us all we are, all we have,  
all we bring, and all we need.

Draw us together around your table with all your saints  
on earth and in your eternal home.

Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,  
that we might be your promise to the world,  
spoken in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

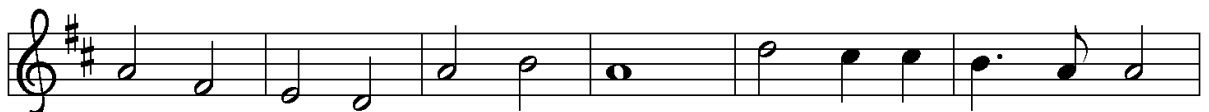
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## THE LORDS 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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Brian Chung

## **CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

*When We Are Living*

**ELW #639**

*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.

We thank you, God our host,  
for inviting us here to taste the future  
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.  
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,  
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,  
you are Christ’s message of love for this troubled world,  
written by the same Sender.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,  
who loved us and through grace gave us  
eternal comfort and good hope,

✝ comfort your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good work and word.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

**ELW #547**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

arr. Wayne Wold

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November 3, 2019 Attendance: 94

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### ***Serving Faith November 17***

*Ushers: Bowers/Whitmyer*

*Greeters: Bill & Pam Williams*

*Altar Care: Brenda Kopf & Cecelia Kramer*

*Acolyte: Isaac Webb*

*Reader: Linda Hirt*

*Lay Assistant: Jim Crum*

*Nursery: Lori Haven*

*Coffee Hour Hosts: Doug & Linda Hirt*

### ***Altar Flower Dedications***

*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.*





**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



## Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

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