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WELCOME 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

PRELUDE

"Jesus is Calling"

arr. Mitchell Eithun

Faith Bells

VERSE OF THE DAY

[Read in Unison]

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG – YOU SERVANTS OF GOD (ELW 825)



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

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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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death,

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

and was numbered with the transgressors;

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

- ¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- ¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
 I will uphold them, because they know my name.
- ¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas

Music: Amy Grant

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GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.

Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

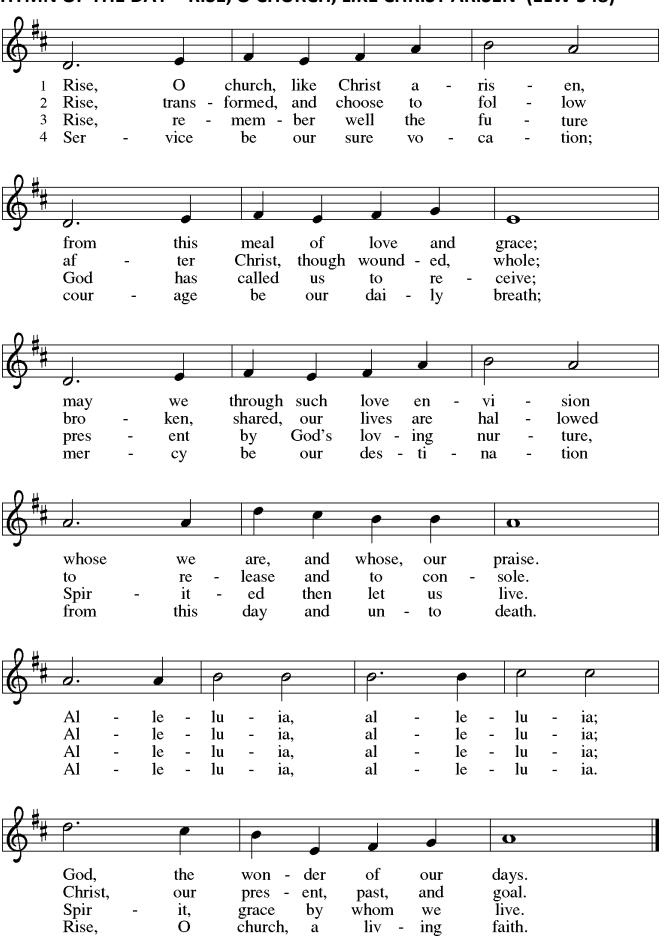
⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY - RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN (ELW 548)



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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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. **Amen.**

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

PFACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

"I know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me" Traditional spiritual arr. Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

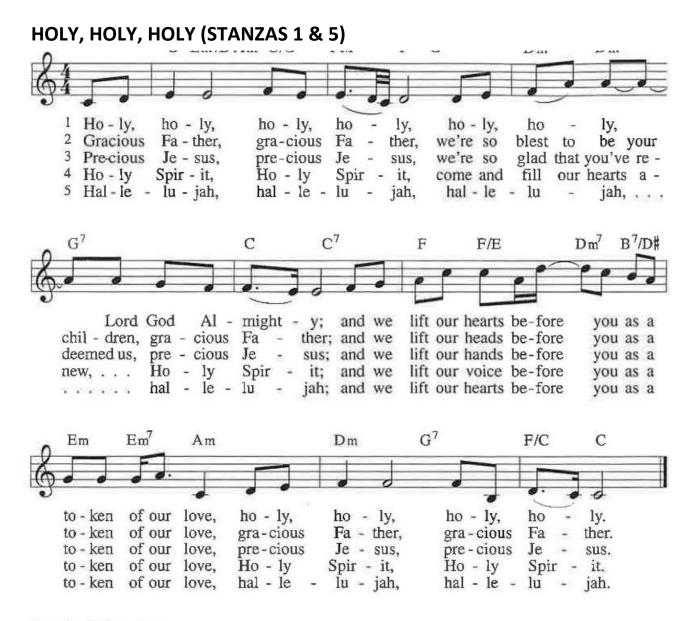
Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

arr. Dale Wood

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG – YOU ARE THE SEED (WOV 753) 1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will 2 You are the flame that will light - en the dark, so re - splen-dent with that will nur - ture the plant; you're the waves in a 3 You are the life A^7 D you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a shine in the night; you are the shep-herds to lead the whole world to hope, faith and love; yes - ter-day's yeast is be - gin - ning to rise, a tur - bu-lent sea; A^7 D D G are the dawn that will You in the dark. to glow bea-con are the friends that I "You and pas - tures of peace. wa - ters no place for a There is it will vield. new loaf of bread A^7 G D Bm grain; bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear gold-en I want to pro-claim. chose for my-self, you're the word that

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to hide, there's no



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Joyful Song"

arr. Ron Spong

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FLC SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 20

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10am: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
- New member class @ 11am in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21

- Boy Scouts @ 7pm in Old Fellowship Hall
- Council Meeting @7pm in Library

Tuesday, October 22

- Bible Study @12pm in Library (All are Welcome) Hybrid
- Girl Scouts Meeting @5:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 23

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Confirmation @6:15pm in Fellowship Hall
- Faith Bells rehearsal @ 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir rehearsal @ 7:30pm

Saturday, October 26

CAMTA Meeting @ 12pm in Sanctuary

Sunday, October 27

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10 am: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
- Quarterly Congregational Meeting following service

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

October 20

Greeter(s): Ken & Ellen Milne

Reader: Linda Hirt

Lay Assistant: Bob Nelson Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

Sunday School: Angie Herek

Coffee Hour: Doug & Linda Hirt Counters: Doug Hirt, Brenda Kopf

Acolyte: Marilyn Hartwick

October 27

Greeter(s): John & Ramona Backman

Reader: Brenda Kopf

Lay Assistant: Ryan Thompson

Ushers Brenda Kopf, John Backman

Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

Sunday School: Angie Herek

Coffee Hour: John & Ramona Backman Counters: Randy Royalty, Jack Dingledine

Acolyte: Isaak Nyquist

RIC UPDATE

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 27, the RIC Team will be looking for congregational approval of our proposed updated welcome statement along with recommitting to being a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. The updated statement is very similar to our current one, but updated to reflect changes in language over time and to ensure it meets the current RIC requirements. Here is the proposed welcome statement that will brought to the meeting:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God's beloved child, "for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For 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 as we strive to serve our world.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, November 9 @ 5pm – There will be appetizers, salads, dessert and the main meal will be at the church. Each participant is asked to bring something to share. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

LanSING Out Christmas Concert – December 13 at 7:30 pm

LanSINGout is a voluntary community chorus providing the opportunity for LGBTQ+ persons and their allies. See https://www.lansingout.com for more information. Pastor Bruce is a member.

FAITH NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

Faith Night at the Williamston Theatre will be on Saturday, December 14th at 7:30. The play this year is "A Very Williamston Christmas". Adult ticket prices are \$41 and student prices are \$12. This is a 90 minute play without an intermission, so probably not suited for very young children. Please make your payment to Diane Hill by December 1st. You can either pay in cash or write a check to Williamston Theatre (do not make your check out to Diane).

FOOD PANTRY

You can help the Food Pantry by completing a Thrivent Action Team application. You could receive a grant of \$250 from Thrivent to help fund the Food Pantry. It is easy and takes very little time. Ramona Backman and Brenda Kopf can walk you through the application process. Please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Ramona – 517-755-0054 Brenda – 517-927-1800

Applications can be found at https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Visitors Sunday will be on November 17th. The goal is for all members to invite friends, family or neighbors to a worship service that will have uplifting music, and a noisy offering for the Food Pantry and Parish House. Coffee hour will be in the Fellowship Hall, so please feel free to bring a dessert/snack to share. During coffee hour members should reach out to visitors to see if they have any questions about Faith. This is a very exciting, upcoming event and we look forward to having many new people visit! For more information/questions contact Raymond Herek herekraymond13@gmail.com