



# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name**

## **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

5 p.m., June 21, 2026



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.

***Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church  
Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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**All who are baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.**

**Minister**  
**Assisting Minister**  
**Director of Music**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Deacon Scott Rice  
Andi Zdrava

## **WELCOME**

### **SONG: O Come to the Altar**

Verse

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself?  
do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

Chorus

O come to,  
the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide,  
forgiveness,  
was bought with,  
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,  
come today there's no reason to wait,  
Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for  
joy,  
from the ashes a new life is born,  
Jesus is calling.

Chorus x 2

O come to,  
the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide,  
forgiveness,  
was bought with,  
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Bridge x 2

Oh what a Saviour,  
isn't He wonderful,  
sing hallelujah Christ is risen,  
bow down before Him,  
for He is Lord of all,  
sing hallelujah Christ is risen.

Chorus x 2

O come to,  
the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide,  
forgiveness,  
was bought with,  
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Music & Lyrics by: Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.  
*(pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG: Here I Am to Worship**

### *Verse 1*

Light of the world, you stepped down into  
darkness,

Opened my eyes, let me see beauty that  
made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

### *Chorus*

So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether  
worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

### *Verse 2*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You  
created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

### *Chorus*

So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether  
worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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To see my sin upon that cross

### *Chorus*

So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether  
worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

**L: A Reading from Jeremiah.**

<sup>7</sup> O 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.

<sup>8</sup> For 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.

<sup>9</sup> If 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.

<sup>10</sup> For 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."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying 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.

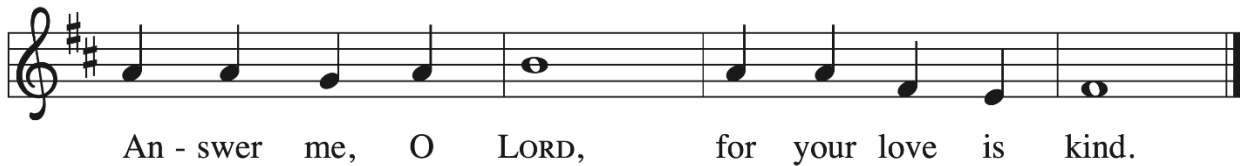
<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**



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L: <sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.

**C: Refrain.**

L: [<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

**C: Refrain.**

L: <sup>15</sup> 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.]

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

- <sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.  
<sup>18</sup> Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

**C: Refrain.**

## *WE STAND*

### **SONG: In Christ Alone**

#### *Verse 1*

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

#### *Verse 2*

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

#### *Verse 3*

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

#### *Verse 4*

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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### **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** [Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it 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!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light,

and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For 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, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever 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, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

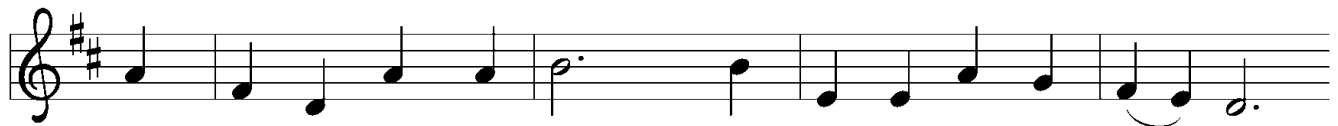
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**MESSAGE**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

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**HYMN OF THE DAY    O God, My Faithful God    ELW 806**



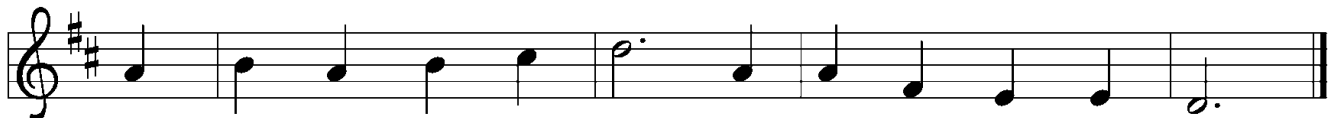
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Brief silence*

L: Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. *(pause)* God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Faithful God, we give you thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**C: Amen.**

## WE STAND

### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C: And also, with you.**

*Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.*

### SONG: Your Grace is Enough

*Verse 1*

Great is your faithfulness  
Oh God of Jacob

You wrestle with the sinner's restless  
heart  
You lead me by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart

### *Chorus*

Remember your people  
Remember your children  
Remember your promise  
Oh God  
Your grace is enough, yea  
Your grace is enough, yea  
Your grace is enough, yea  
Your grace is enough for me

### *Verse 2*

Great is your love and justice,  
God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Heaven's  
Victory  
And all your people sing along, So

### *Chorus x2*

Songwriter: Matt Maher

## *WE SIT*

## **OFFERTORY**



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## *WE STAND*

### **SONG: This I Believe** *(The Creed)*

#### *Verse 1*

Our Father everlasting,  
The all-creating One,  
God Almighty, through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

#### *Chorus 1*

I believe in God our Father.  
I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
That we will rise again,  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

#### *Verse 2*

Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified,  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high.

#### *Chorus 2*

I believe in life eternal.  
I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion

And in Your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection  
when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

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### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **SONG: Open My Eyes**

Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see Your face  
Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord  
Help me to hear Your voice  
Open my ears, Lord  
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord  
Help me to love like You  
Open my heart, Lord  
Help me to love

And the first shall be last  
And our eyes are opened  
And we'll hear like never before  
And we'll speak in new ways  
And we'll see God's face in places we've  
never known

I live within You  
Deep in Your heart, oh love  
I live within You  
Rest now in me

Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see Your face  
Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see

Help me to see Your face  
Help me to hear  
Help me to hear Your voice  
Help me to love  
Help me to love like You  
Help me to see

Songwriters: Jesse Manibusan  
Open My Eyes lyrics © Spiritandsongcom Publishing

## ***WE STAND***

### **TABLE BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG: Goodness of God**

### *Verse 1*

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### *Chorus*

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

*Verse 2*

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest nights  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

*Chorus*

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

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*Bridge x 2*

Your goodness is running after, it's  
running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's  
running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered  
now, I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it's  
running after me

*Chorus x 2*

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**