



Faith Lutheran Church

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Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN

July 19, 2020 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music “Called Me Higher”

**I could just sit, I could just sit, and wait for all Your goodness; Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You, Hope to feel
something again.**

**I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am and never let You change me from the inside I could
be safe oh, I could be safe. Here in Your arms and never leave home, never let these walls down.**

**Chorus: But You have called me higher; You have called me deeper and I'll go where You will
lead me Lord. You have called me higher; You have called me deeper and I'll go where You will
lead me Lord, where You lead me.**

I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life (2x)

**I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life, so let Your mercy. Oh I will be Yours Lord;
And I will be Yours for all my life so let Your mercy light the path before me. Chorus**

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“Draw Me Close”

**Draw me close to You, Never let me go. I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend.**

**You are my desire, No one else will do 'Cause nothing else could take Your place.
To feel the warmth of Your embrace. Help me find the way, bring me back to You.**

Chorus: You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed.

You're all I want, Help me know You are near

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Greeting/Announcements

Song “Glorified”

**Chorus: I've come to worship, I've come to lift up Your name for You deserve this life laid down
like the one that You gave. I have but one voice, one heart and one sacrifice. So, would You take
this life laid down and be glorified? Be glorified.**

**Praise belongs to you. Let every kingdom bow; Let every ocean roar;
Let every heart adore You now. Praise belongs to You, what can I do but sing?
The greatest joy I've found is to lay a crown before my King, before my King.**

**Praise belongs to You. Let songs of children rise. You silence all your foes, You set Your glory in
the skies. Praise belongs to You, Creation's calling now for the King to be revealed. O King of
Heaven come down; O King of Heaven come down.**

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, when this world seems overrun by evil all around us, remind us that your Son, Jesus, has conquered death and triumphed over sin and Satan. Help us to confront the evil that surrounds us and resides within us, turning it over to your transformative grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-21

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Faith Seeds Laura Weikle

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: "Word of God, Speak"

Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty.

To be still and know that you're in this place; Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.

Word of God speak.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Continuing with verse 36...

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon "The Heart of Romans: Anticipation!"Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "Shepherd"

The Lord is my portion I shall not want. The Lord my comfort I shall not fear.

Yea though I walk through the valley low, Yea though the path gets steep.

Chorus: Surely goodness will follow me, Ev'ry promise will be light to my feet

When my heart is prone to wandering, Jesus You shepherd me.

The Lord my keeper I stand secure; The Lord my healer Your love endures.

Yea though I walk through the valley low. Yea though the path gets steep.

**And I will dwell for all my days in the shadow of Your relentless grace.
And I will dwell for all my days in Your presence, Your presence.**

**Surely goodness will follow me, Every promise will be light to my feet
When my heart is prone to wandering, Surely goodness will follow me.
Every promise will be light to my feet when my heart is prone to wandering,
Jesus You shepherd me. O my Jesus You shepherd me.**

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**Baptism: Elliott John Thompson, son of Darren Thompson and Nikki Strother
Sponsors: Chad & Brooke Thompson, David & Amanda Blaskowski,
Mitchell Thompson and Samantha Schilling**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering/Special Music "What a Beautiful Name"

**You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is; What a beautiful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this; What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us; So Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great Your love was greater; What could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is; What a wonderful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this; What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus;
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You; The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is; What a powerful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is.
Nothing can stand against, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song "Life of Faith"

O wondrous kingdom here on earth that Jesus Christ has founded, Thy glory peace and precious worth, No tongue has fully sounded. Invisible as mind and soul and yet of light the fountain. Thy brightness shines from pole to pole like beacons from the mountain.

Chorus: The life of faith, Oh, it calls to you and to the cross which makes us new and by your grace here in this place, you have called us to the life of Faith.

Thy secret is the Word of God which does what it proposes, Which lowers mountains high and broad, and clothes the waste with roses. Thine is the glory of the King, Who bore affliction solely. That He the crown of life might bring to sinners poor and lowly. Chorus

And when His advent comes to pass, the Christian strife is ended; What here we see as in a glass shall then be comprehended. Then shall the kingdom bright appear With glory true and vernal. And usher in the golden year of peace and joy eternal. Chorus

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"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:
Romans 8:18-27

- † What is exciting about anticipation? What is stressful about it?
- † Why does Paul focus on anticipation at this point in Romans?
- † What does creation itself anticipate? Why is that?
- † According to Paul, why is Christian anticipation exciting, but not ultimately stressful?

Important Notes!

*If you or anyone in your home feels at all unwell, please stay home and watch one of the broadcasts.

*If you are anxious about gathering at the church, feel free to stay home for now.

*According to current health guidelines, we do encourage you to print and bring your own copy of the bulletin through the summer to cut down on the contact passing them out entails. The bulletins can be found weekly on our Facebook page and website.

*We ask family/household groups to maintain social distance when in the church and the park.

*According to state guidelines, wearing a face mask is encourage, but not required.

*More information is available on Faith's Facebook page or in the church office.

~ **Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored by Tim and Megan Piehl in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary.

~ **The altar flowers** were given today by Dan and Donna Moe in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.

~ **Lectionary Texts for next week:** Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Romans 8:28-39, and Matthew 13:44-52

~ **Caregiver Support Group:** This group will resume meeting again on Thursday, July 30, at 4 p.m. in the Faith Center. If you are stressed out from caring for a family member, please join us. Newcomers are welcome! This may be your opportunity for relief, healing and renewal.

~ **Ministry Teams and Church Council** will meet this Tuesday, July 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Faith Center.

~ **Thank You:** Beverly Kirchner wanted to send a thank you to those who picked her name and sent her surprise cards in the mail. What a blessing it has been to the recipients of these special notes! Thank you to everyone who picked a name and mailed a note. If you still have a card at home, it is not too late to send one (or send another one) to deliver a smile to someone new.

~ **Volunteers Needed:** Summer is here! Could you and/or your family devote ONE Sunday morning to help at outdoor worship? We need your help handing out bulletins, serving communion, and setting up/tearing down equipment. We can't do it alone! Please contact Marsha or Will for more information at marshas@faithlc.com or willh@faithlc.com. Thank you!