



Faith Lutheran Church

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Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN

August 23, 2020 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music: "Sweet By and By"

There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.

Chorus: In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
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We shall sing on that beautiful shore, the melodious songs of the blest; and our spirits
shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest. *Chorus*

To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise,
for the glorious gift of His love, and the blessings that hallow our days.

Chorus x2

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

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"I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's Celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away; When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

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Greeting/Announcements

Song "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, All our sins to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness - Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

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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

Almighty God, the mercy you revealed through your Son's life, death, and resurrection endures forever. With faithful followers of all generations, make us bold to declare Jesus as Lord and eager to proclaim his redeeming and reconciling work to all people; 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: Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

He said to me: O son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me;

they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. And you, O son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

But you, son of man, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

He said to me, O son of man, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Son of man, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Faith Seeds Rachel Kamrath

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

The Gospel Acclamation: “Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow, and peace is understood.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon “The Heart of Romans: Uncalculated Love” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “How Great Thou Art”

**Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

***Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!
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**When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
*Refrain***

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”
*Refrain***

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Public Recognition of Baptisms

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 these new brothers and sisters members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive them with love and rejoice with them at their entrance into our fellowship.

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

Offering/Special Music

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song "Swing Low Sweet Chariot"

**Chorus: Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home Swing low,
sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home**

**I looked over Jordan, and what did I see? Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. Chorus**

**If you get there before I do; Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming, too coming for to carry me home. Chorus**

**I'm sometimes up and sometimes down coming for to carry me home
But still my soul feels heavenly bound coming for to carry me home. Chorus**

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:

Romans 12:1-8

- † What is so strange and radical about Paul’s idea of “a living sacrifice”?
- † What does it mean to love without calculation?
- † What makes uncalculated love simple and easy? What makes it so very hard?
- † How does the gift of uncalculated love free all people for lives of service?

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.

*In light of current health guidelines, we 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 indoors is now mandated, with some exceptions.

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

~ **Today’s radio broadcast** is sponsored by Pastor Paulus and Gladys Pilgrim in honor of their wedding anniversary.

~ **Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are in honor of Dave and Marian Skaar’s 65th wedding anniversary. Flowers on the pedestal were given by the family of Gordon Curtis celebrating 5 years of life eternal yesterday and in honor of his granddaughter, Mady Bjorge, whose birthday was also, yesterday.

~ **Lectionary Texts for next week:** Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21, and Matthew 16:21-28.

~ **Seventh Grade Fun Day:** Just a reminder for all seventh-grade students to meet at Christ the King on Tuesday, August 25, at 12:30 p.m. for your confirmation kickoff activity day.

~ **Sunday School Teachers Needed:** With this year being a bit different the need for *NEW Sunday School teachers* is greater than ever. Please consider helping out this year! The commitment does not have to be every Sunday if we have enough teachers to work in teams. Please contact Laura at 320-587-2093 or lauraw@faithlc.com to find out how you can help.



Faith Lutheran Church is currently accepting applications for the position of Director of Music and Worship. Details can be found on our website at Faithlc.com.

