

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARY LITANY

P: "I was glad when they said unto me,

C: 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

P: We thank you, O Lord, for the heritage of Faith Lutheran Church,

C: for the faithful Danish immigrants who founded it,

P: for the steadfast support of its devoted members,

C: for faithful pastors, teachers, musicians and lay ministers,

P: for willing servants who have taken on so many roles,

C: dedicating their time, ability and treasure to this ministry.

P: Above all, O Lord, we thank you for your steadfast grace and mercy.

C: Continue to lead our congregation in faith, hope and devotion to you.

P: By your Holy Spirit, make us trustworthy inheritors and stewards of this great heritage,

C: and lead us always in the way, truth and life of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine,

C: to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

OPENING HYMN: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation; One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone 1839-1900 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley 1810-1876

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest. Watching and
waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

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"How He Loves Us"

He is jealous for me, loves like a hurricane, I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy. When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory, I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me.

Chorus: He loves us, Oh how He loves us. Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves. (REPEAT)

We are His portion and He is our prize, drawn to redemption by the grace in His
eyes. If grace is an ocean we're all sinking. So Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen
kiss and my heart turns violently inside of my chest. I don't have time to maintain
these regrets when I think about the way that *Chorus*

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*

Your love, Your call is all I need. Your love, Your call is all I need.
Your love, Your call is all I need.

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

Text: Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg 1877-1970
Refrain: David Dale Wollan, b. 1975 Tune: William Solum Holt, b. 1994

“How Great Thou Art” (continued)

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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“Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven,
And spoke your name into the night.

Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven; The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name. Jesus Christ, My living hope. (repeat)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me. (repeat)

Jesus, yours is the victory! **Chorus**

Phil Wickham Brian Johnson

BRIEF ORDER OF 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

Lord God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We thank you for the faithful believers who founded Faith Lutheran Church over 150 years ago, and for the abundant evidence of your power at work throughout its history. As we celebrate the past, increase in us the spirit of faith and love, that we may be worthy of our heritage as we carry this ministry into the future. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all people whom we encounter. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18: 1-2, 9-15 - Read by Carl Horton, Faith Lutheran Church Council President

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18: 1-2, 9-15 (CONTINUED)

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:1-2 - Read by John Olsen, Faith Lutheran Church Council Vice-President

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILDREN

FAITH SEEDS Faith Lutheran Puppets

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. X2

GOSPEL: Mark 10:23-31

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON “The Race of Faith: All Things Possible” Pastor Randy Freund

HYMN “Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (repeat)

**Chorus: Christ alone cornerstone, weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (repeat)

He is Lord, Lord of all.

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.**

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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.

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC: ... “Go With God” ... Pastor Randy and Stephanie Freund, Pastor Dave Christensen and family

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION

“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;**

Thank You!

The 150th Anniversary planning committee for all of their hard work and dedication for the past couple of years.

Pastor Randy Freund, Pastor Dave Christensen and families, FLYouth, and Lara Liepold for joining the FLC staff providing music for our service today.

Those who assisted with the service today as guest preacher, greeters, ushers, communion helpers, readers, AV help, children's music and Faith Seeds.

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Linda Nyman for the fantastic kids puzzles and Faith Seeds hand outs.

Daryl and Sharon Bateman for sponsoring the radio broadcast today for those unable to come out and attend the celebration.

To anyone else who helped in his or her own way to make this celebration what it is today.

To those of you who will stay after the celebration to assist in cleaning up and hauling things back to the church. Many hands would be appreciated.

Please stay after lunch and enjoy the historical exhibits around the building, the face painting, balloon animals, bouncy houses, games, free carriage rides and more.

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