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Faith Lutheran Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music "Evidence"

**All throughout my history Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring,
In every season from where I'm standing.**

***Chorus:* I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life,
all over my life. I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life,
all over my life.**

**Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory, You are my strength and You always will be.**
Chorus

**See the cross the empty grave, the evidence is endless.
All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus. *Repeat Chorus x2*
Why should I fear? Oh the evidence is here.**

CCLI Song # 7147432

"Blessed Assurance"

**Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit and washed in His blood.**

***Chorus:* 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, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above.
Filled with His goodness and lost in His love *Chorus***

**My King is coming soon, He will roll the clouds away
Light of heaven bursting through. Oh what a glorious day. *Repeat***

**My King is coming soon. He will roll the clouds away.
Light of heaven bursting through and until the glorious day. *Chorus***

**This is my story this is my song.
This is my story, this is my story, this is my song.**

CCLI Song # 6527149

Greeting/Announcements

Song "Praise"

**I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain. I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting. I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded. 'Cause praise is the water my enemies drown in.**

**As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul. Praise the Lord oh my soul.**

**I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't. I'll praise 'cause I
know You're still in control 'cause my praise is a weapon, it's more than a
sound. My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down.**

**As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to praise the Lord oh my soul,
Praise the Lord oh my soul. I won't be quiet, my God is alive.
How could I keep it inside? Praise the Lord oh my soul.**

**I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign, praise 'cause You reign.
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave. I'll praise 'cause You're
faithful/ Praise 'cause You're true. Praise 'cause there's nobody greater
than You.**

**Praise the Lord oh my soul *Repeat x4*
I won't be quiet. My God is alive. How could I keep it inside? *Repeat x3*
Praise the Lord oh my soul.**

CCLI Song # 7213077

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, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song “Reckless Love”

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me,
You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath,
You breathed your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.**

**Chorus: Oh, the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it; I don't deserve it; still You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never ending reckless love of God.**

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me,
You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus***

**There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up,
coming after me. There's no wall You won't kick down,
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me. *Repeat x3 ~ Chorus***

CCLI # 7089641

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass

them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Faith Seeds: Shelly Kirchoff

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

The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.**

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon "" Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "A Mighty Fortress" (Heartsong Version)

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper, He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He.
The Lord of Hosts His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us.
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us.
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;**

***Chorus: A mighty fortress is our God (His Kingdom is forever.) Repeat x3
His Kingdom is forever. His Kingdom is forever.
His Kingdom is forever. His Kingdom is forever.***

If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.

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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 Song "I'll Give Thanks"

**In the morning You sing over me, I receive Your mercy.
Your faithfulness is clear to see, constant every day.**

***Chorus: Every breath I breathe an invitation to believe
You are creating something good.
Though this season doesn't tell my story I know
You'll move mountains for me. You're just that good.
So I'll give thanks to God when I don't have enough
'Cause He's more than enough and He knows what I need.***

**In the silence I choose to believe You're working in the waiting.
Though the future isn't clear to me I trust You anyway. *Chorus***

**Why do I worry (3X) God knows what I need. *Repeat Chorus*
God's not worried so why do I worry?**

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion Songs: "Psalm 34 Taste and See"

**I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant, they'll never be ashamed.
They'll never be ashamed.**

**This poor man cried and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies. The Son of God surrounds His saints, He will deliver them.
He will deliver them.**

***Chorus:* Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.**

**Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; Oh blessed is he who hides in Him.
Oh fear the Lord Oh all you saints, He'll give you everything.
He'll give you everything. *Chorus***

**Let us bless the Lord every day and night,
Never ending praise may our incense rise. *Repeat***

CCLI Song # 7054932

"Our God"

**Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, None like You.**

**Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You. None like You.**

***Chorus:* Our God is greater, Our God is stronger. God You are higher than any other. Our God is healer, Awesome in power our God our God.**

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us then what could stand against. *Repeat Chorus x2*

CCLI Song # 5677416

Benediction

Sending Song “The Lion and The Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down and every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

***Chorus:* Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power and fighting our battles and every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb. Every knee will bow before Him.**

**So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free
for who can stop the Lord Almighty? *Chorus***

Who can stop the Lord Almighty (repeat) *Chorus*

CCLI Song # 7038281

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today's Worship Theme

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