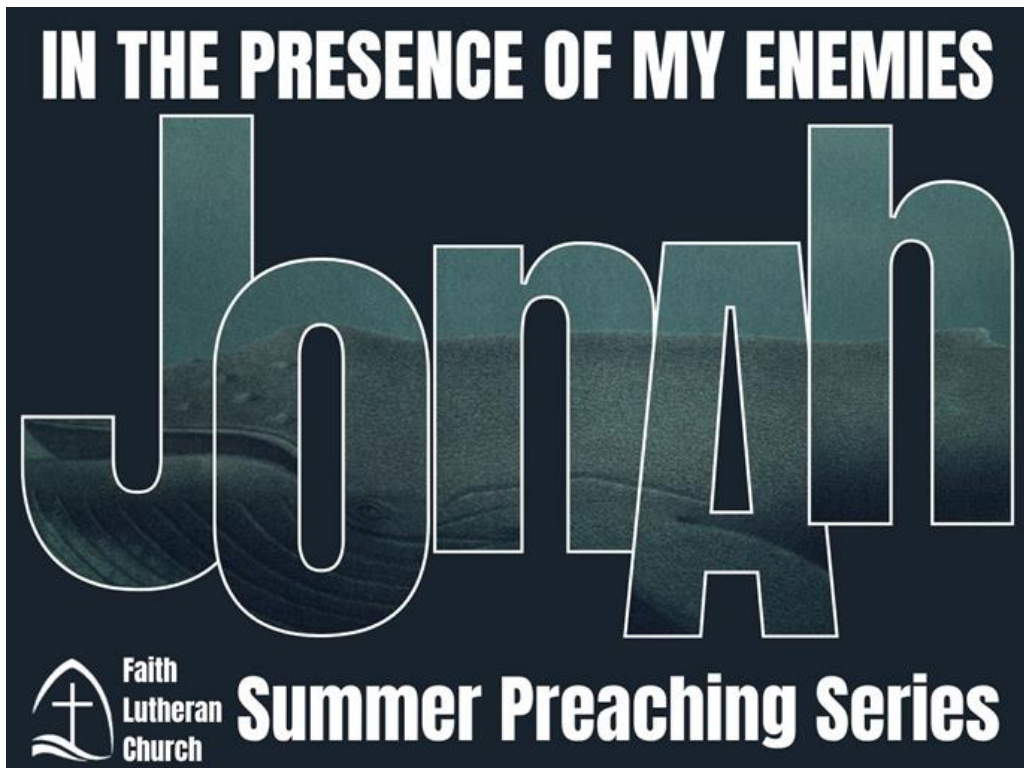


# **Faith Lutheran Church**

June 22, 2025

10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Gathering Music “As We Gather” (CCLI #1585683)

**As we gather may Your Spirit work within us.  
As we gather may we glorify Your name.  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,  
We’ll be blessed because we came,  
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Greeting/Announcements

Song “Shall We Gather at the River” (WOV #690)

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod?  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.**

***Chorus:* Yes we'll gather at the river, the beautiful the beautiful river.  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.   *Chorus***

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down.  
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.   *Chorus***

**Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease.  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.   *Chorus***

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

**Lord God, you have promised to prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us faith and courage to confront the wiles of the devil at work in the world and in our own hearts, trusting in Jesus' victory over all the forces of darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Song "Wind of the Spirit" (CCLI #806416)

**Wind of the Spirit move fresh as we worship  
and fill us with hope every day.  
Breath of creation, blow life in our being,  
and gift us with purpose, we pray;  
So our life is filled with meaning,  
and love is what we're breathing  
in the wind of the Spirit, wind of the Spirit.**

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-16

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish." The sailors said to one

another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds: Pastor Dave Wollan

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: Luke 9:57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ..... “*Avoiding the Presence of My Enemies*” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “The Summons” (CCLI Song #1040329)

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should our life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

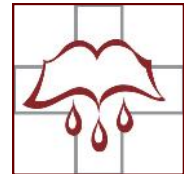
**Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me.**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**Service of Holy Baptism: Hudson Bradley Johnson**

son of Tyler and Madison Johnson

Sponsors: Peyton Jasken and Kaylee Ericksen



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 the 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 Song "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (WOV #684)

**Refrain:** Spirit, spirit of gentleness.

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness. Stir me from placidness.

Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,  
Then You coaxed up the mountains. From the valley of sleep,  
And over the eons You called to each thing,  
"A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,  
And You gifted your people With a law and a land,  
And when they were blinded With their idols and lies,  
Then You spoke through Your prophets To open their eyes. *Refrain*

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,  
Then You whispered in silence When the whole world was still,  
And down in the city You called once again  
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams;  
Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions Your people arise. *Refrain*

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (CCLI #56204)

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

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.

## Benediction

Sending Song “May You Run” (CCLI #807099)

**May you run and not be weary.**

**May your heart be filled with song.**

**And may the love of God continue**

**To give you hope and keep you strong.**

**And may you run and not be weary.**

**May your life be filled with joy.**

**And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

### *“What Does This Mean?”*

Questions about today’s worship theme

1. Why did Jonah have good reason to avoid God’s prophetic call?
2. How did Jonah’s own confession reveal the foolishness of his flight?
3. Does Jonah’s response to God’s judgment surprise or disturb you?
4. In this comically unfaithful first chapter of *Jonah*, where is the good news?

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