



**July 17, 2022**

**Welcome!**

We are glad to have you join us in the worship of Our Lord.  
**Please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Mask wearing is optional if you are fully vaccinated.**

**Today's Altar Servers**

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## *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers:** Given by Phyllis and James Nutt in memory of George and Dorothy Sholly

**Meetings**

**AA Meeting** – Tuesday and Friday at 12 pm and Thursday at 10 am.

**Choir/ Boomwhackers, Bells, Chimes and Sunday School/ Faithful Community Quilters:** Begin again in September.

**Bible Study:** Each Sunday at 7:30 am in the Community Room.

**Usher and Lector Volunteers** needed, contact Jacquie Halko. Please call (570) 646-3922 or email at jacquie5444@yahoo.com.

**Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations:** New 2022 Bulletin located in the foyer table entrance of the church. In-house bulletin for \$10 and \$20 towards silk flowers or you may bring your own fresh flowers.

**“Super Fruits of the Spirit” Vacation Bible Camp:**

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10-3. All children ages 3 – 12 are invited. Pre-registration is requested thru the church office. Contact Judie Tim if you would like to help.

**Pastor Kuritz** has weekly office hours: hours are posted on the white boards at the back of the church or to contact him, use his private email: [pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org](mailto:pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org)

**FAITH FAIR:** Save the date – Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 2! Vender forms are available in the foyer. Help us fill the parking lot. Flea items will be accepted ONLY during the week of the Fair! Thanks.

**Apple Fest:** Fill a basket for our fantastic October 1st event!



*Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So, it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

**PRELUDES:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, and Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**            *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*            **LBW 546**

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you




this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*  
 let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON:       Genesis 18: 1 – 10a

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Word of God, Word of Life.       **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? <sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;** <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. <sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.** <sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1: 15 – 28

<sup>15</sup>Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. <sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the

sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,<sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.<sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

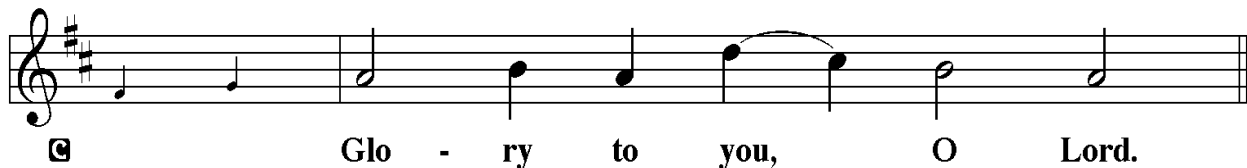
**VERSE / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia"** *(Please stand as you are able)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Luke 10:38 – 42**

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me

to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able after the sermon.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**            *“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”*    **LBW 316**

## 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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind (*in the spirit of Bartolomé de Las Casas, whom we commemorate today*) and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers (*especially*).

### **PRAYER LIST**

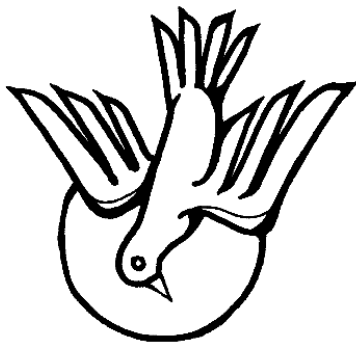
*Robert F, Maritza, George, Matt, Susan, Jason R., Mike and Brenda G., Erik C, Sabrina, Tracey E., Drew D, Barbara, Sherry K, Adam C. and Family, Megan, Jim, Jeanine, Tom and Valerie M., Daniel, Marge M., Jenn, Lorraine, Rachel, Jeffery H., Mya, Christina, and Matthew B.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community, Faith Lutheran Church, to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**



### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(Please share Christ's peace in social and acceptable ways.)  
(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING Music: Toccata, Leonard Leo

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### We Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**And also with you.**

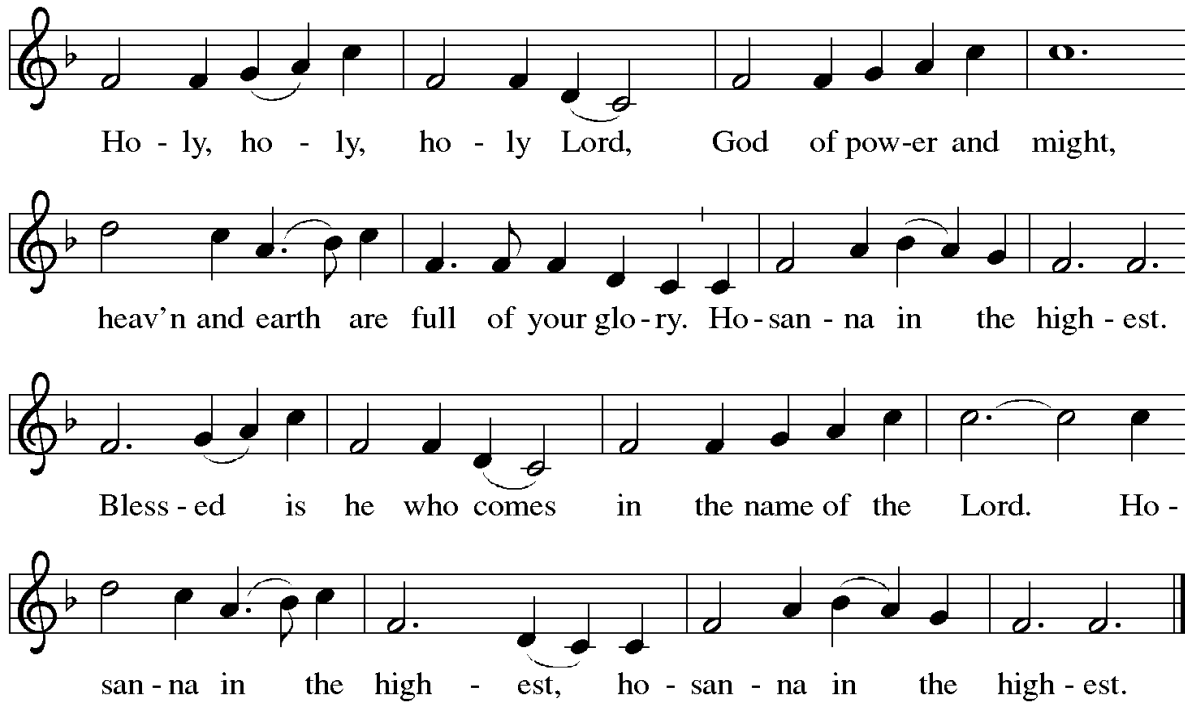
**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*(Please be seated. Please prepare your communion elements by lifting both films back halfway or however comfortable.)*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“The body of Christ.... Given for you.” “The blood of Christ.... Shed for you.”

*(After all have communed—please stand as you are able)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

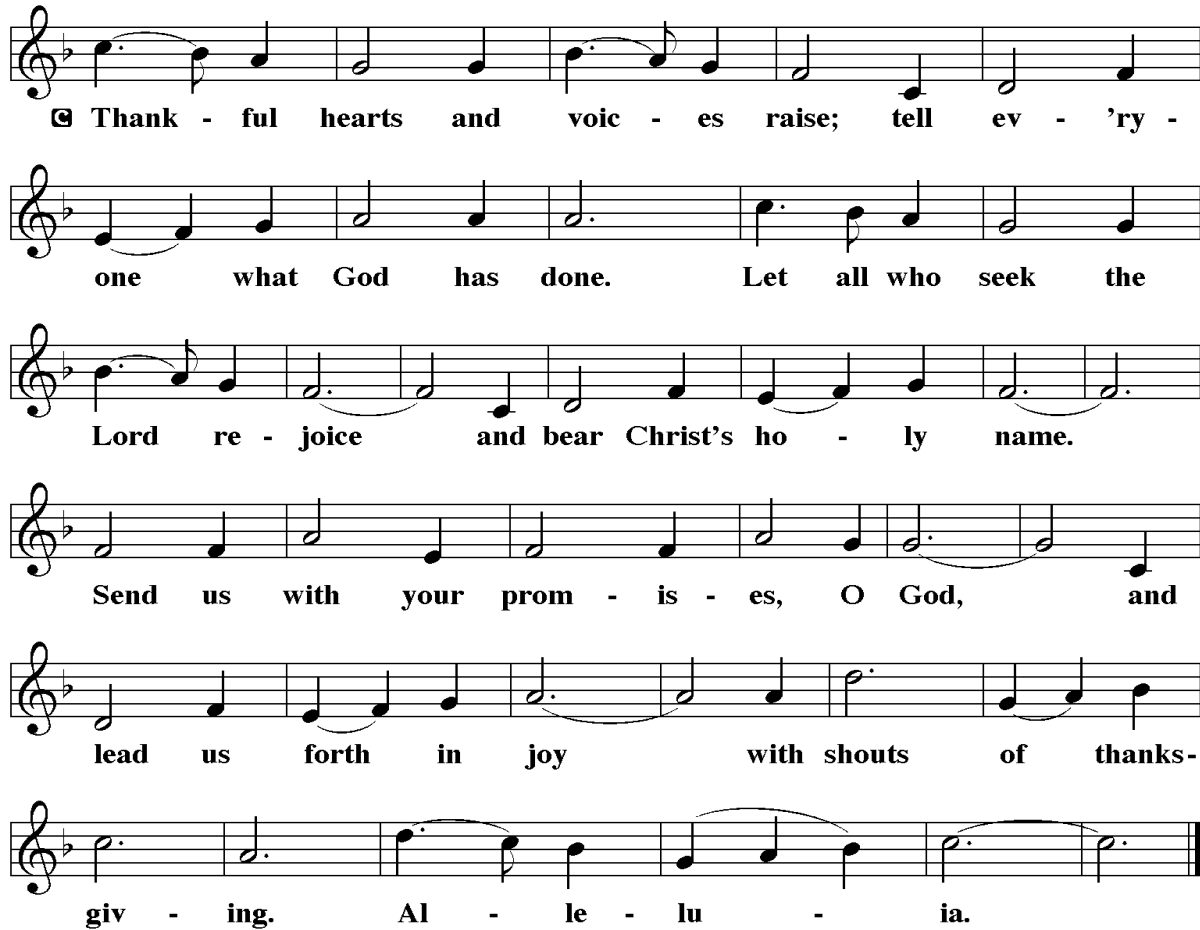
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**      *“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”*      **LBW 248**

## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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