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AS WE GATHER

God is always present with His people. He is always pursuing those who have wandered away from Him.

In the past, He spoke through the prophets. At the beginning of this age, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to teach all people about the Kingdom of Heaven. Today, He works through the power of His Holy Spirit.

Are you listening for His voice? Are you praying to Him—and listening, looking, waiting earnestly for His response? Perhaps this is the moment to pause. To sit in silence. To open your heart and begin a conversation with God. Give Him space. And trust that He will fill the void with His presence.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONE & ALL

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

If you are looking for a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into the family at Faith. Please connect with Pastor Galligar, or one of our greeters at the Welcome Station.

NEED HEARING ASSISTANCE? We're happy to help! Please see an usher before the service to receive a hearing assistance device.

✠ WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE ONE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

LSB 557

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 71:20-24; antiphon: v. 3

P: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

C: you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

P: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

C: from the depths of the earth, you will bring me up again.

P: You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

C: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

P: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

C: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

P: And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,

C: for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

C: you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

KYRIE

P: In Peace let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord



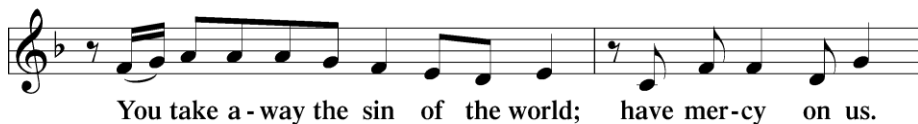
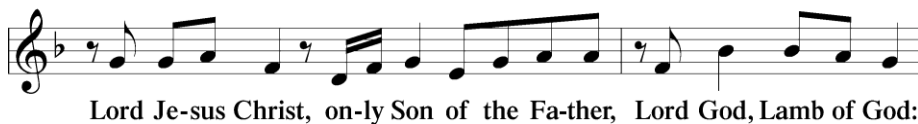
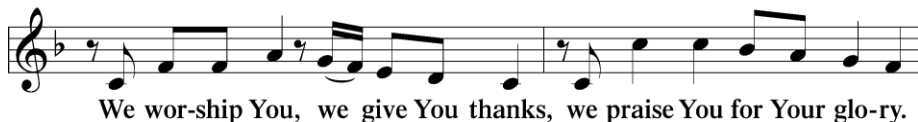
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P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



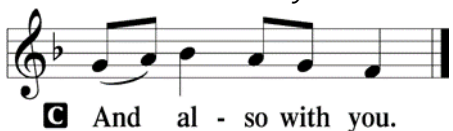
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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: *The Lord be with you*



P: *Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His Holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So, he went and lay down.

And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was

calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Saturday "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)"

Sunday "Lord Our God"

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Gloria Schultz

SECOND READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

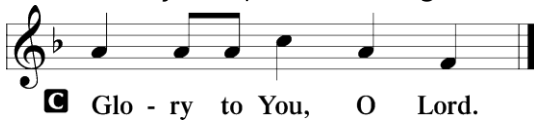
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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.*

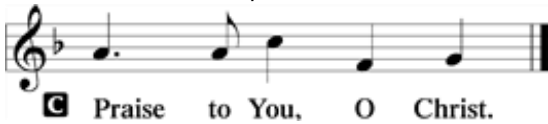


Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he

gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am Lord"

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SERMON

Vertical Connections: where?

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(please rise)

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you And be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.



(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs 1-3,7) **LSB 549**

SILENT PRAYER

VERTICAL CONNECTIONS: where? – is the theme of our worship this weekend. Is there a particular place where we should pray to God? Should we be seeking a place that is special? Separate? Apart from others? Quiet? Alone? What does it look like when we seek after Him with our whole heart in prayer? Is it right that the answers here will be different for all of us?

- ❖ Hearts filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit, oftentimes find the need for solitude in order to better hear His response to our prayers.
- ❖ Lives imbued with the power of God's Holy Spirit, are more open to hearing Him as He guides us on our way. Are your eyes open to all that He has in store for you in this life?
- ❖ Part of our series is focused on the Lord's Prayer – this gift from Jesus. As you have been praying through the petitions and the explanations, how is this moving you to better understand the gift this prayer is to you from Jesus?
- ❖ Through this series, Lord Jesus, draw me closer to You, for I truly desire to grow closer and connect better with You daily through prayer.

IT IS NO SECRET (WHAT GOD CAN DO)

The chimes of time ring out the news
Another day is through
Someone slipped and fell
Was that someone you
You may have longed for added strength
Your courage to renew
Do not be disheartened for I have news for you

It is no secret what God can do
What He's done for others
He'll do for you
With arms wide open
He'll pardon you
It is no secret what God can do

There is no night for in His light
You'll never walk alone
Always feel at home wherever you may roam
There is no power can conquer you
When God is on your side
Just take Him at His promise
Don't run away and hide

CCLI Song # 32022
Stuart Hamblen



HERE I AM LORD



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

NOTES FROM PASTOR GALLIGAR

- ❖ **Did you know that** – God is omnipresent. This means that He is everywhere, all the time, always. Or in other words, He is sitting right next to you even here and even now as you read this. How does this help us? Or in the words of Martin Luther, “What does this mean?” It means you can speak with Him always, wherever you are, He is right there with you. Say, “Hello, Jesus.” Tell Him what is on your heart. Trust that He hears every word, and listen to what He will say.
- ❖ **Did you know that** – your elder is here to pray for you and with you? Each weekend after worship, you can ask your elder, or any of our elders to pray for you in the sanctuary and they will be happy to do so.
- ❖ **Did you know that** - pastor will pray with you before surgery at the hospital before you check in? Whether it is 5:30 AM, or later in the day, if his schedule permits, he will be there for you. Please let Pastor know when things come up for you at the hospital, and he will be there.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✚ Father God, You called Moses to the burning bush, You spoke to Samuel in the temple, You called Isaiah out of the fields, You have reached out to each of us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts, O Lord, with an unflinching trust in You. Open our ears, O God, so that we may better discern Your Will as we go on our way. Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, that we might see others as You see them, and reach out as You direct us with Your amazing grace and mercy.
- ✚ Health concerns: Millie, Patricia Ulvund, Eliza Long (friend of Dave Hanny), Sharon Beyer (knee surgery), Dale Schluckbier, Steve Petty (friend of Eric), Gina Galligar, Tom Denney, Bonnie & Robert, Dee Bright, Susan Schmidt, Geneva Davis, Debbie Vassel, Bonnie Berg, Vicki Mueller, Edward Monty, Jerry Marquette, Dean Moore, Debbie Zilm, Kim Malave, Barbara Schenk, George Scalzi, Bill Engelbrecht, Nita Hass, Phyllis Jodis, Aaron Cote, Todd Moothart, Don Jones, Gia Schultz, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Connie Weiss, Margie Budd, Doug Deuchler, Patrick Daley, Andy Borchardt, Katie Arias.

✝ Pray for all the families in our community, especially those with little ones whose hearts will be blessed by learning more about their Savior, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit, O God, to lead these parents to sign them up for and bring them to Vacation Bible School next month at Faith Lutheran Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Do you have something on your heart? You're invited to share your prayer needs—whether joys or burdens. Use the yellow cards in the pews to submit a prayer request. You can choose for your request to remain private or be shared with the congregation. You may also email prayer requests directly to our Prayer Chain at: prayer@faithlecanto.org. Let us lift one another up in prayer.

NEED A VISIT OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES? If you or a loved one is hospitalized, homebound, or simply in need of a pastoral visit, we want to be there for you. Reach out to Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820, or contact your assigned elder. Not sure who your elder is? Just check the board in the narthex, or call the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM. We are here to walk with you in times of need.

☺ Happy Birthday ☺

Michael Guinn (6/22), Cora Lee (6/23), David Trout (6/26), Karen Bollman (6/29)

Anniversaries

Denise & Jeffrey Johansen (6/23), Alan & Sandra Benner (6/24), Louie & Candy Lott (6/25), Troy & Stella Melot (6/26), and Philip & Karis Geistfeld (6/29)

Flowers given by

Joyce Engelbrecht – In Honor of B. Zembko & H. Engelbrecht

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 23rd THROUGH JUNE 29th

MONDAY 8:30 AM Men of Faith Monday – Papa J’s Diner

FRIDAY 9:00 AM Stitch N’ Tie

SATURDAY 5:00 PM Worship, Fellowship time to follow

SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship, Fellowship time to follow
11:00 AM Bible Study – Book of Romans

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY – Looking to dig deeper into God’s Word? Come be part of our Sunday morning Bible study at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall! We’re currently walking through the Book of Romans—a powerful look at God’s grace, faith, and the life we’re called to live in Christ. Pastor Galligar typically leads the study, and it’s always a time of meaningful discussion, insight, and even a few laughs. No need to bring anything—we have Bibles available if you forgot yours or don’t have one. Everyone is welcome!

VBS IS ALMOST HERE, MATES! Get ready for an epic adventure Down Under! Join us for this year’s Vacation Bible School, where kids will explore God’s amazing creation, dive into His Word, and enjoy a week full of outback fun—music, crafts, games, snacks, and more!

Monday, July 14 ~ Friday, July 18 ~ 9 AM to 12 PM.

For more info or to register, contact Ann Panas, or scan the QR code. Don’t miss this unforgettable, faith-filled journey through the land of koalas and kangaroos!

SCAN ME



LADIES OF FAITH A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the fellowship lunch on June 18! Watch the bulletin for the next lunch date and details, and come hungry for good conversation and great company. Let’s keep growing together in Christ!

STITCH N’ TIE – SUMMER STITCHIN’! We’re keeping the creativity going all summer long! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in June, July, and August as we sew, tie, and fellowship together. No experience needed—just bring your willing hands and joyful heart. All are welcome!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Saturday 30 Sunday 77 Total 107

WEEKLY BUDGETED GIVING

WEEK	ENVELOPES	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER
20	3099	6050	-2951
21	2347	6050	-3703
22	6966	6050	916
23	5940	6050	-110
24	4260	6050	-1790



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THE P.R.A.Y. MODEL: A SIMPLE FRAMEWORK FOR PRAYER

Sometimes we complicate things that God has made very simple. Easy examples of how to communicate with God are found in the first pages of our bible in Genesis, and in most of the pages of the first four books of the New Testament, called the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In Genesis, we find God speaking to Adam and Eve just as a father might talk with his son. Simple conversations, easy words, nothing complicated about it. In the gospels, the disciples are always talking to Jesus, and when they do, they ask Him questions, just like you would ask a friend, a teacher, or someone you thought would have an answer to something you wanted to know. And their questions are asked in plain language, simple words, nothing fancy, just straightforward speaking to Jesus, who is God.

All of this is called “prayer”. It is our Vertical Connection to God. To help us strengthen this connection, here is a simple framework to use as a starting point, the P.R.A.Y. Model.

PRAISE - God is worthy to be praised. Prayer should begin with genuine praise towards God. Prayers of praise involve thanking God for who He is and what He’s done. As you spend time praising God, reflect on His character and the good gifts that He has given you.


REPENT - Repentance is the act of turning away from sin and turning toward God. Since we as humans have a sinful, fallen nature, we should have a continuous attitude of repentance. During this portion of your prayer time, confess specific sins that you can think of to God and repent of them. He already knows about all this stuff but still calls you to confess.


ASK - Spend the next portion of your prayer time asking God to work. God wants us to humbly ask Him for what we need and want. Asking Him means admitting we can’t do these things on our own.


YIELD - The final portion of your prayer time when you’re following the P.R.A.Y. model will be spent sitting quietly before God and listening to what He tells you. As you listen to what He tells you, commit to being obedient to whatever next step he may call you to take. Those who have committed to following Jesus through repenting of their sin and placing their trust in Jesus have been given the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. He gives us both the desire and the power to yield to Jesus’ calling even when it is uncomfortable.


KID'S CORNER — WHERE FAITH IS FUN!


Welcome, Little Ones! We're so glad you're here with us at Faith today! Whether you came with mom, dad, grandma, grandpa—or someone else who loves you—you're part of our church family, and we're happy to have you.


 Make yourself at home! If you need anything, just ask your grown-up, and they'll help you (or ask one of us!).


 Wiggles and whispers are okay. Jesus loves joyful noises—even the squirmy, giggly kind!

 Want a better view? Sit up near the front with your family so you can see everything happening. Most of the exciting stuff is up by the altar.

 Don't forget an activity bag! You'll find them in the kids' room at the back of the church—the one with the window looking in.

 Sing along! Jesus loves hearing your voice as we praise Him together.

 When we pray, we sometimes fold our hands and bow our heads to help us focus. We love praying together as a church family.

 The Lord's Prayer is a special one we say together. You can hold your parent's hand and pray with us—Jesus loves it when His people pray as one.

And while you're helping your grown-ups worship, we'll be celebrating Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to Me... for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (*Luke 18:16*)

You are a gift to this church—and we are so thankful for you!

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer is powerful—whether spoken privately in our hearts or together as the Body of Christ.

- **Private prayer** draws us closer to God, developing our *Vertical Connection* with Him through the Holy Spirit.
- **Corporate prayer**, when we lift up needs together as a church, builds unity—the very thing Jesus prayed for among His followers.

At Faith, our **Prayer Chain** is a way to support one another and our wider community through intentional, Spirit-led intercession. When you sign up, you'll receive email prayer requests—sometimes public, sometimes private.

Two types of prayer requests:

1. Public Prayers

These can be freely shared, discussed, or followed up with encouragement (cards, texts, etc.). Please lift these up as soon as you receive them.

2. Private Prayers

Marked clearly in the email subject line. These should be treated with care and confidentiality—shared only with God in prayer, not with others, including the person being prayed for.

If you'd like to join the Prayer Chain (or continue participating), please add your **name and email address** below. Even if you're already receiving emails, we ask that you reaffirm your commitment:

"I want to support the people of Faith and our community in prayer. I agree to pray over the concerns I receive. When a request is marked as confidential, I agree to pray silently and keep it between me and God."

Tear-off and return to the church office or place in the offering plate:

Name: _____

Email: _____