



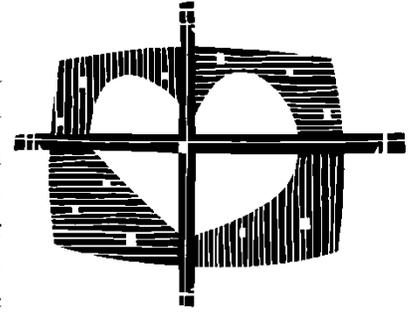
*"You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind
the things of God, but the things of men."*

Matthew 16

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran!

The easiest path to a challenging outcome is always a temptation. We may even often blame God when the journey of life is not as smooth and easy as we prefer. Jesus made the way to heaven for us through death on a cross. Following him as a disciple will more often be the way of the cross than a path to ease and glory. The mirror of God's law defines our petulance toward such truth to be sin. God's Word of grace prescribes contrition and repentance through which the Christian's body and mind are renewed for dedicated service in God's kingdom. Thus our answer to temptation is our spiritual worship. It is a privilege to worship with you. Thank you for joining us. Please come and worship with us again!



OUR FACILITIES

Our restrooms are located just to the left of the tower entrance. A family restroom is also available there. The members of Faith believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If your young one needs some "time out," we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

LISTENING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT MATERIALS



Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher at your request. Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assist T-loop. If your hearing assist device is T-coil equipped you may switch to T-coil so sound can be transmitted directly to your hearing assist device.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God of peace, I turn aside from an unquiet world, seeking rest for my spirit and light for my thoughts. I bring my work to be sanctified, my wounds to be healed, my sins to be forgiven, my hopes to be renewed. In you there is perfect harmony. Draw me to yourself, and silence the discords of my wasteful life. Your greatness is beyond my highest praise. Take me out of the loneliness of self, and fill me with the fullness of your peace. Amen.



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SPIRITUAL WORSHIP: THE ANSWER TO TEMPTATION

COVID 19 ACCOMMODATIONS – Following the research and recommendations currently available Faith worship leaders are choosing to significantly reduce the total amount of singing by the entire assembly during the course of each service and also abbreviate our time gathered together. Worship as we've known it and prefer it will return in its full vibrancy when the pandemic is over.

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

Christian Worship # 463



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me!”
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, Say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

Presiding Minister [M]: The Grace of our Lord Jesus (+) Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation [C]: And also with you.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,**

in our deeds,
 and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
 that we may live today and rest tonight in peace.

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him (+) we are forgiven.
 Let us rest each night in his peace until the rising of the sun when we shall serve him another day in
 newness of life.

C: **Amen.**

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **Come, oh, come, let us worship.**

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Venite

L: Introduces refrain

C: **Refrain**

①
 Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,
 ②
 let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
 ③
 come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
 Repeat for use with canon
 come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

L: You are a great and a wondrous God, cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
 You made the hills and the mountains high, you made the seas and the dry land.

C: **Refrain**

L: Come, let us worship and, bowing low, kneel before the One who has made us all.
 You are the God whom we call our own, we are the flock that you shepherd.

C: **Refrain**

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Although he was a mighty prophet Jeremiah still experienced the great internal battles of every believer in the true God.

¹⁵You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me.

Avenge me on my persecutors.

You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

¹⁶When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.

¹⁷I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable?
Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails?

¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says:

“If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me;
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman.

Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

²⁰I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you but will not overcome you,
for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the LORD.

²¹“I will save you from the hands of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 121 (*Christian Worship: New Service Settings*)

Refrain: He who watches over you will not slumber, he who watches over you will not sleep.

I lift up my eyes / to the hills --

Where does / my help come from?

My help comes / from the LORD,

The Maker of heav- / en and earth.

He will not let your / foot slip --

He who watches over you / will not slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over / Israel

Will neither slum- / ber nor sleep.

Refrain: He who watches over you will not slumber, he who watches over you will not sleep.

The LORD watches / over you --

The LORD is your shade at / your right hand;

The sun will not harm / you by day,

Nor the / moon by night.

The LORD will keep you / from all harm —

he will watch o- / ver your life;

The LORD will watch over your coming and / going

Both now and for- / evermore.

Refrain: He who watches over you will not slumber, he who watches over you will not sleep.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain: He who watches over you will not slumber, he who watches over you will not sleep.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Offered as “spiritual worship” our bodies are living sacrifices as our minds are renewed in the image of their creator.

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 15:16 [*Revised Standard Version*]

C: Alleluia. Alleluia!

M: Your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart.

C: Alleluia.

Stand out of respect for the words and works of Christ.

GOSPEL

St. Matthew 16:21-26

Jesus rejects Satan’s clever appeal, made through a disciple, to abandon his death mission to the cross as the way of salvation.

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”

C: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”
Christian Worship # 465



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
not, like them, un - true. And since you have
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
gath - er; All must work for good to me.
glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

“Get Behind Me”

+Jesus rejects those who reject his sacrifice+
++We follow behind Jesus in a life of sacrifice++

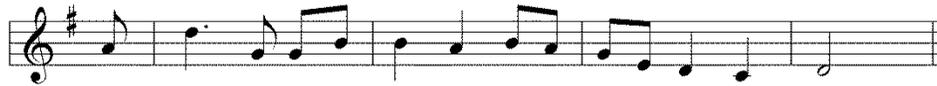
After the sermon, the congregation stands to sing:

YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

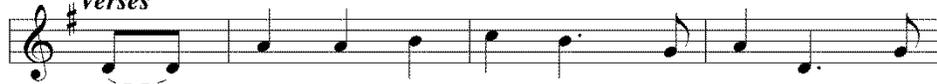


You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Father ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



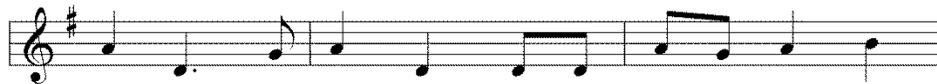
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
You have ris - en to free us;

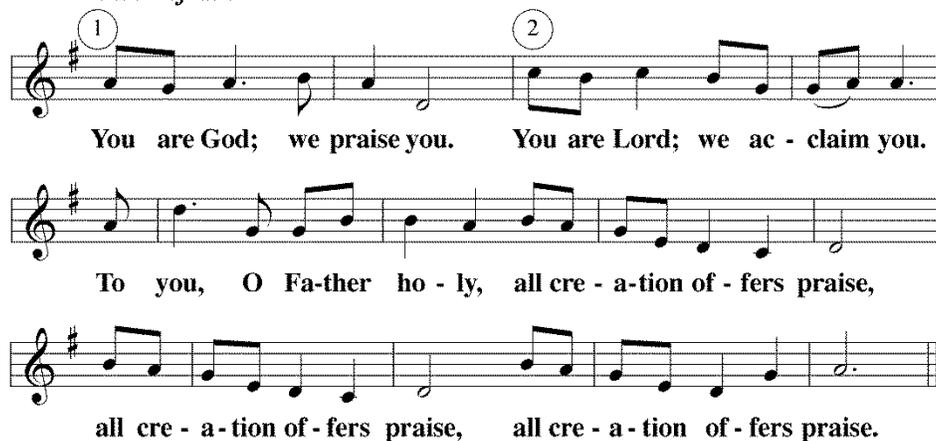


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



1 2

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.
To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,
all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Be seated

OFFERTORY (a musical piece played during the gathering of the offering) & OFFERING PRAYER

During the Covid crisis our preference is to gather our offerings electronically or through the mail but for those who do choose to bring offerings with them to worship there is a large offering basket at the main worship area doors for you to drop in your offerings later as you are dismissed from worship.

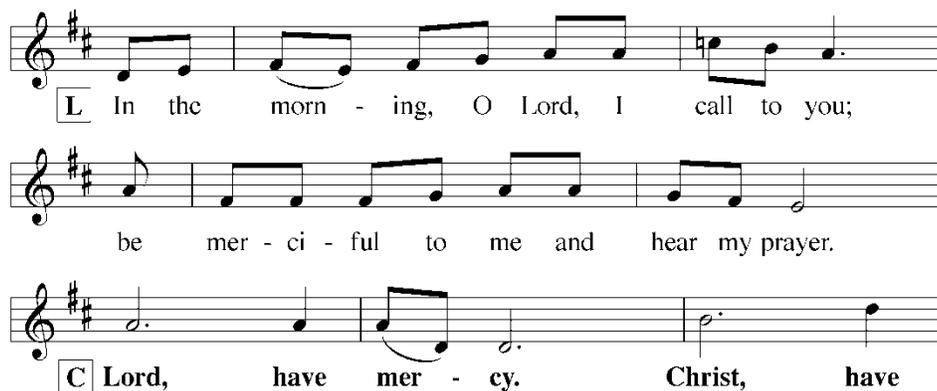
If you are not a member of Faith, we do not want you to feel obligated to participate in the offering. (God desires cheerful givers - not gifts based on a sense of guilt or obligation.) We gather our offerings during worship, because the Bible teaches that giving is *an act of worship*. Most of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given in weekly worship offerings. May the Lord bless you, and may he use every one of our offerings to him as a blessing to many others.

Stand

C: Help us that we your saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that bread of life afford New grace in richest measure.
Make us to die to ev'ry sin; Each day create us new within
That fruits of faith may flourish. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY, PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Kyrie



L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



Intercessory prayers (as requested) will be inserted here

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY & PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

"Take the World, But Give Me Jesus"

Christian Worship # 355

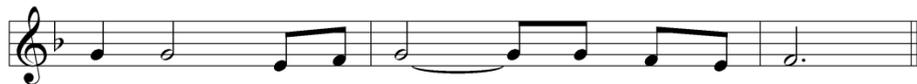
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1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
 com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
 cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
 o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
 vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

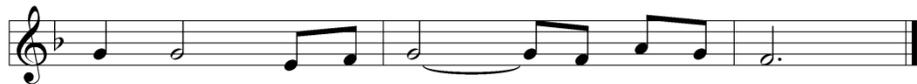
Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

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