



“Who are my mother and my brothers?” Jesus asked.

*Mark 3*

## WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran!

This weekend we are amazed at the awesome intensity with which God has carried on his saving work. He immediately laid his promise before the newly sinful Adam and Eve. Through Paul he encourages that we see every trouble as only light and temporary as we “tent” our way through this world. Jesus threw himself completely into his earthly ministry (may his intensity be contagious!) as he worked and preached, prayed and taught, suffered, died, and rose again to undo the devil’s destruction in keeping the Father’s Eden promise. May Jesus’ Spirit bless the message you hear today to his glory and the good of your soul.



It is our privilege to worship with you. May the Spirit sent to you by our ascended Lord bless you with a growing knowledge of him and a growing confidence in his promises. Please join us again soon!

## 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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## Therefore We Do NOT Lose Heart!

### Opening Hymn

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”  
*Christian Worship: Supplement # 739*

1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His  
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your  
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's

I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My  
bod - y bro - ken there for me; I  
heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your  
Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through  
wound - ed hand has set me free. Held

Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For  
lay be - fore him all my sin, My  
love a - lone can form in me A  
him your hand now stretch - es out, For -  
in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With

griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.  
giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
joy I praise him for his grace.

Stand **except** for 10:45 AM worship)

### INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

Presiding Minister [M]: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation [C]: Amen.

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**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.**

### 10:45 AM Worship only

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Wade to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ. Wade William Jolly, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*The congregation will now please stand*

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Wade may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C:** **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

**M:** Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Wade and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**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

*Be seated*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

*God responds with an amazing promise, THE Promise, after Adam and Eve follow Satan on the path to sin and death.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51a (CW p. 86)

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me. **Refrain**

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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. **Refrain**

## NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

*It may seem sin still has the upper hand, but we know and confess an eternal grace and resurrection to glory in Christ Jesus.*

<sup>13</sup>It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. <sup>15</sup>All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19 (*Revised Standard Version*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C: Refrain**

**M:** God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**C: Refrain**

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

## GOSPEL

St. Mark 3:20-35

*Even Jesus' own family had misgivings about his ministry as he was drawing a new "family" to himself with his Word of grace.*

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup>And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

<sup>23</sup>So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

<sup>26</sup>And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup>In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. <sup>28</sup>I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. <sup>29</sup>But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.”

<sup>30</sup>He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

<sup>33</sup>"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

<sup>34</sup>Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

**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**

"Let Me Be Yours Forever"

*Christian Worship # 596*

1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my  
 3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -

God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er  
 life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,  
 er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it

Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not  
 To you I all re - sign, For you have  
 I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the

let me wa - ver But give me stead -  
 dear - ly bought me With blood and bit -  
 end con - fess - ing Whom I have known

fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor  
 ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,  
 by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing

Your ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 And grant a Chris - tian death.

**SERMON**

based upon St. Luke 15:11-32 (*printed on the following page*)

Pastor Paul Prange

WELS Administrator for Ministerial Education

**REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE!**

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give

me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup>“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup>“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup>“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

*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 Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



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; We

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

**Final Refrain**

① You are God; we praise you. ② 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**

While we make our way out of the Covid pandemic our preference, for a time, remains with gathering 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:** Deliver us from selfish aims; True stewards we would be.  
 Endow us with a deep desire to live unselfishly.  
 A full accounting we must give and see you face to face;  
 Let us approach your throne with joy, supported by your grace. Amen.

**LORD HAVE MERCY, PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

*Kyrie*

**1** 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  
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*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 God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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** A - men.

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

**C** A - men.

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



Be seated

**CLOSING HYMN**

“I Want to Walk As a Child for the Light”

*Christian Worship: Supplement # 771*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God;  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ;



I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;  
 Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race,



The star of my life is Je-sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all; The



night and the day are both a-like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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