

# Online Worship for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*This bulletin corresponds to Faith Lutheran Church's online worship service found on Facebook and YouTube.*

*Prelude by Jean Welch– “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

*Faith Family Greetings and Welcome*

*Order of Confession and Forgiveness*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, 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.**

*Call to Worship – “Great Is the Lord”*

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.**

**Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true. By his mercy he proves he is love.**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.**

**Great is the Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice.**

**Great is the Lord, great is the Lord. Repeat**

*Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

The “Sharing of the Peace” is a ministry to one another in which we give and receive God’s peace, acknowledging the presence of Christ in one another. Please exchange a sign of peace with all in your household, with hand over heart, shaking a hand, or giving a hug.

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Matthew 25:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup>But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

*Children's Sermon with Wendy*

*Sermon – "Trim Your Lamps"*

*Song of Day – "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (LBW 320)*

- 1 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 2 **Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3 **Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 5 **Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**
- 6 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!**

*Affirmation of Faith*

**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 – “There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

*Stewardship Time*

God is at work in our congregation to bring a word of Good News and hope, and you are invited to participate in God’s work as you are able by sharing in this time of offering. If you would like to give to the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, you may do so on our website ([www.faithlutheranjaxsonville.com](http://www.faithlutheranjaxsonville.com)) or mail your offering to Faith Lutheran Church, 1385 West Walnut St., Jacksonville, IL, 62650.

Medley: “Isn’t He,” by John Wimber and “Open the Eyes of My Heart,” by Paul Baloche  
*Sung by the Faith Singers*

*Benediction*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Sending Song – “Where Justice Rolls Down”*

*Refrain: Where justice rolls down like a mighty water,  
And righteousness grows like an ever flowing stream,  
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean,  
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed. Repeat*

**1. There is a river that streams from the temple. Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea.  
As it grows, healing it will give. Where it flows, ev’rything will live. *Refrain once***

**2. Wade in the water and feel the strong current.  
Remember the stagnance of stale life before.**

**God is here. Leave the past behind. In these clear waters you will find, *Refrain twice***

*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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