

Online Worship for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15th, 2020

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

Prelude by Maria Snodgrass

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.

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.

Call to Worship – “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” (LBW 315)

1. **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.**
2. **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**
3. **Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave,
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.**
4. **Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over

to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.”²³ His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?”²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Children’s Sermon with Wendy

Sermon – “High Stakes”

Song of Day – “Take My Life that I May Be” (ELW 583)

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1. **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**
2. **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**
3. **Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain**
4. **Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain**

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 – “Take My Life, that I May Be” (LBW 406)

Mission Moment by Karen Dean

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.faithlutheranjacksonville.com) or mail your offering to Faith Lutheran Church, 1385 West Walnut St., Jacksonville, IL, 62650.

“Holy, Holy, Holy,” by Jim Brickman
Piano Solo by Jacob Smetters

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 – “Go and Do”

**Go and do as I have done for you. Go and do as I have said!
Go and do as I have done for you. And they will know you by your love,
they will know you by your love,
they will know you by the things you go and do!**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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