

Faith Lutheran Church Naples, Florida

The Twenty-third Weekend after Pentecost

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November 7 & 8, 2020

“Don’t Be Left Out!”

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AS WE GATHER

We hear today the extremely encouraging words from the apostle Paul concerning our everlasting life. Paul tells us, “We will always be with the Lord.” What comforting words! What encouraging words! You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

U THE PRELUDE

U THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

y THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)*

y THE OPENING HYMN *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Y THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

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

Y THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

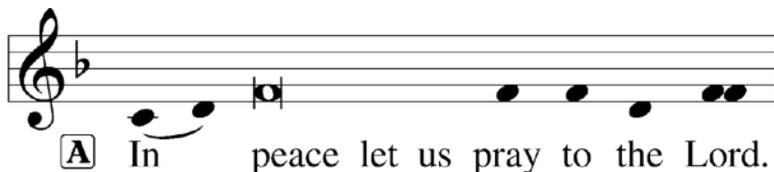
sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Service of the Word

Y THE KYRIE

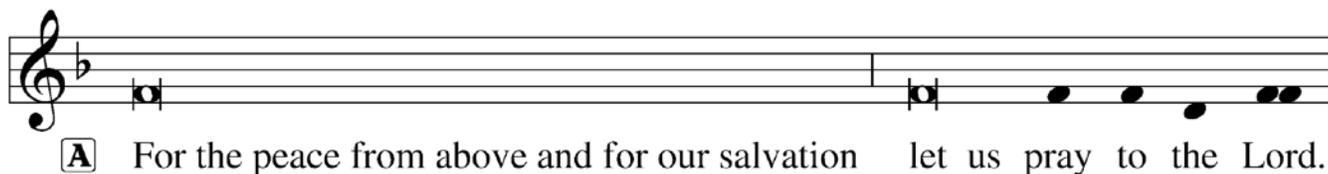
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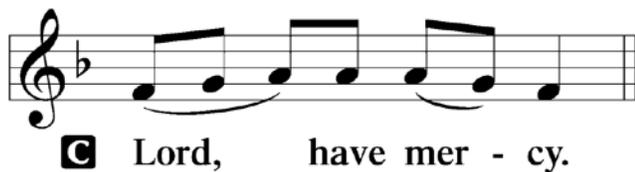
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



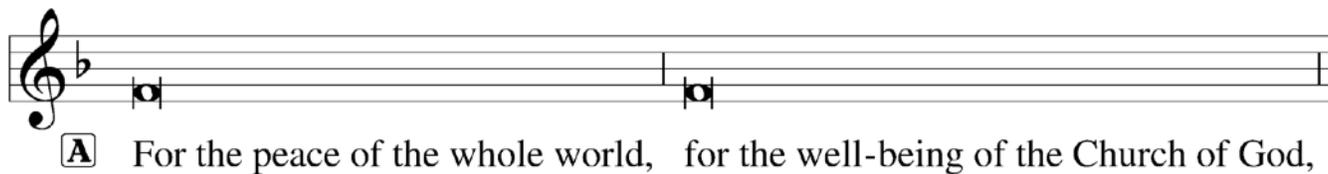
C Lord, have mer - cy.



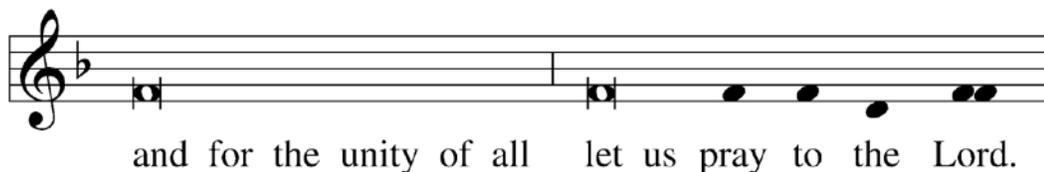
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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.



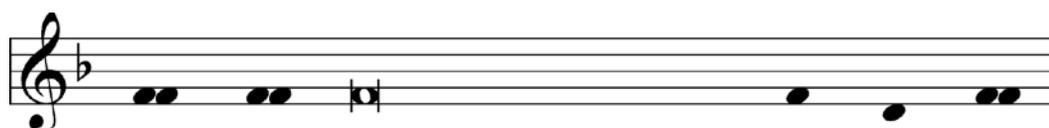
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



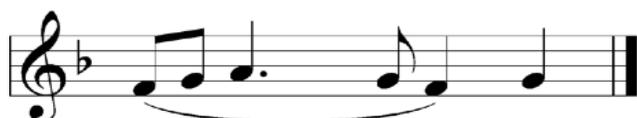
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Y THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, encourage us with Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments, that we be strengthened for service to You and our neighbors as we await the return of Jesus, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Y THE GLORIA PATRI

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

U THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

U CHANTING THE PSALM

Psalm 70

Leader: ¹Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

People: ²Let them be put to shame and confusion

who | seek my life!*

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who de- | sire my hurt!

Leader: ³Let them turn back because | of their shame*

who say, “A- | ha, Aha!”

People: ⁴May all who seek You

rejoice and be | glad in You!*

May those who love Your salvation

say evermore, | “God is great!”

Leader: ⁵But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, | O God! *
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do | not delay!

U THE EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Y THE ALLELUIA VERSE

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Y THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to

meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

U THE HYMN OF THE DAY *"Be Thou My Vision"*



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and
 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise, thou mine in - her - i tance,
 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art; thou my best thought by day and by night,
 thou with me Lord. Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower.
 now and al - ways: thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 O heav - en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.
 still be my vis - ion O Rul - er of all.

U THE SERMON *"Don't Be Left Out!"*

Y THE APOSTLES' 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 T everlasting. Amen.

Y THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Y THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Service of the Sacrament (5:00 p.m. only)

Y THE PREFACE (5:00)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Y THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (5:00)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Y THE AGNUS DEI (5:00)

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Y THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and T give you peace.

People: Amen.

Y THE SENDING HYMN “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” Page 791, vs. 1, 3, 5

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the
praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

U THE DISTRIBUTION (5:00) *(Please review our statement of faith on the back cover.)*

THE POSTLUDE

As you exit the Sanctuary, you may leave your gifts to the Lord in the basket that has been placed in the Narthex. When we worship God with our offerings, we recall the words of Jesus: “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Agnes Hazen in memory of her dear husband, Winston.*

New Sunday Adult Bible Study
Jeremiah: a Profit for 2021
10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

For All Who Intend to Commune

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. How we come to the Lord's Table to receive this transforming gift of life is of vital importance. The apostle Paul wrote: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29 NIV) **We are always receiving this Sacrament to our benefit or detriment. Out of loving concern for the communicants and from our understanding of the Holy Scriptures, we request that those who commune here:**

1. Be baptized Christians.
2. Have received instruction on the essence and significance of the Lord's Supper.
3. Are spiritually mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace through this special means, affirming the following truths:
 - I am a sinner in need of a Savior.
 - I believe Jesus Christ is my only Savior from sin, Satan and death.
 - I believe forgiveness is offered to me freely in this Sacrament.
 - I believe Jesus' body is present in the bread and His blood in wine for the benefit of my faith.
 - I resolve to turn from my sins I know and to dedicate my life to the service of the Lord in missional living and generous giving.
4. Profess the real presence of Christ in this Sacrament, that is, trusting the mystery of the true presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine.
5. Believe the Savior's words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."



***The Lord welcomes you to His table,
knowing that your coming shows agreement with us in these statements of faith.***

THOSE NOT COMMUNING are encouraged to come forward, fold their hands across their chest, and receive a blessing. **IF YOU DO NOT AGREE** with our beliefs as stated above, we invite you to come forward for a blessing or to use this time to pray and worship God with singing.

For those with **HEALTH CONCERNS**, gluten-free wafers are available on request, and nonalcoholic wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray. You may select individual cup or the chalice for the wine.

For further understanding of this gift of life from Jesus, please see the following Scripture passages: Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-23, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 & 11:17-34. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor or a Faith Elder. You will find Elders, wearing name tags, at all services. (Copyright June, 2010 Used by permission)

