

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Preservice Music

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (Silence for reflection).

God of Love, have mercy on us.

For the right roads we avoid travelling; and the kindly words we refuse to share; for the false gods who receive our devotion; and our hearts we starved of your love; God, by your grace,

Forgive us.

For hidden hurts we hold too tightly, and promises we do not keep; for careless use of time and money; and the lame excuses to cover our tracks; God, by your grace,

Forgive us

For all we should be and all we can amend; God, by your grace,

Equip us

For all you have in store for us, and all you may demand of us, God, by your grace,

Prepare us

For the life of the world and the love of its people; God in your love

Commit us

Hear and believe these words of Jesus: "Your sins are forgiven, go in peace and follow me."

Glory to the Creator who gives us life,
Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us,

Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.
Glory be to God. Amen

Gathering Hymn 673

God, Whose Almighty Word

God whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight;
Hear us we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious rays, let
there be light.

Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight;
Health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; oh now to human kind let
there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, life giving holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the
water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be
light.

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might; boundless as
ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through earth and far and wide let there be
light.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day: O God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of
forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that
we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.
Amen

Word

The response to "Word of God, Word of Life" is "**Thanks be to God**"
Exodus 14:19-31

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

After reading - Glory to you O Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Song of the Day

#808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go,
You alone are our life and our peace and our love,
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey;
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus make me your servant;
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side;
And with all the family you saved by your love,
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Your Church gathers in all nations of the world this day. Bless those situated in places of poverty, epidemic, violence or opposition with the faith and resources they need. Lead all your people to respond with love and compassion in these days of confusion and anxiety; and give us a message of hope to nurture faith and confront all that is evil. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our health care workers who labour long to bring comfort to the sick and protection for us all. Bless those confined to care homes, those shut in, lacking friendship and care. We pray as well for our teachers and students who navigate new territory – make them wise and keep them safe. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have *showed* us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering and Music for Reflection

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God **we give you thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer: (Can you please copy?)

Blessing

Sending Song # 851 When in Our Music God is Glorified

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as if the whole creation cried: Al-le-lu-ia!

How oft, in making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As music moved to a more profound: Al-le-lu-ia!

So has the church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of
wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Al-le-lu-ia!

And did not Jesus sing a song that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Al-le-lu-ia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
And may God give us faith to sing always: Al-le-lu-ia!

Dismissal