

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021
Living Faith Lutheran, Sechelt, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

GATHERING

God's People Gather in Worship

The world belongs to the Lord,
The earth and all its people.
How good and lovely it is
To live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
These stones would shout aloud.
Lord, open our lips
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Gathering Song #532 "Gather Us In"

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also the we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Mark 6: 14-29
The Gospel of our Lord **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #574 "Here I am, Lord"

Affirmation of Faith (Iona Community)

**We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life.
Amen**

Prayers of the Community *All may be seated*

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.
A brief silence.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of cedar trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed – for Lisa who administers our weekly tasks and has kept our sanctuary clean and Covid-free; for our Council and Treasurer; for those who support us with prayer, generosity and outreach. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion, you know those who are threatened by the tyranny of governments; those who suffer from want as others smother in plenty; those who are hurt and broken by the insensitivity of others. We pray for the people of Haiti, of Ethiopia, Yemen, Venezuela; for the peoples of poor nations denied vaccines; for young girls sold into sex slavery; for the homeless and addicted who walk our streets. Use us, O God, to tend to those the world neglects. Lord, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (especially the family mourning the death of Gwen, especially Ed; and for Erika and Rikki, Bud and Brenda, Ingrid and Pam, Linda and Terry, Nicholas and Paul, Merv and Marlene, Kathy and Dave, Dorothy and Al, Sharon and Jan, Ruby and Larry, Steinar and Margaret, and those we bring before you in the silence of our hearts . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray dear God for your guidance in our Congregation as we begin anew to gather in community and reach out to our neighbours. Keep us mindful of our sisters and brothers of the Sechelt nation, and pray for and with them, as they mourn the tragedies wrought by the Residential Schools; help us to minister beyond our doors and welcome those seeking deeper meaning and warmer communion in their lives. Prepare us in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace/Offering *(A musical reflection while the table is being prepared)*

Offertory Prayer *(Please rise, if you are able)*

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen**

MEAL

Opening Dialogue and Preface

God is with you. **And with you too.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to heaven.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we glorify your name and, speaking, join their unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the gifts of God

You are indeed the holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

**In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood
of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Mother, Father, Beloved Child and Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (sung)

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction (Breaking of the Bread)

The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to the Holy Supper

Christ has set the table with more than enough for everyone. Come for all is ready!

Sharing of the Meal ***Directions for distribution will be given. All are invited***

(You may wish to share in singing Hymn #496 "One Bread, One Body")

Prayer after the Meal *Please rise in body or spirit*

Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing/Benediction

God of justice, guide us to ever defend your truth; Jesus of infinite mercy, open our hearts to the cries of the oppressed; Spirit of truth, guide us in the paths of faithfulness. And the blessings of the Triune God be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Dismissal and Postlude

A Note from your Church Council

Church Council is pleased to welcome two new members: Margo Hunsche and Dave Magnuson-Ford. We are grateful for Margo & Dave and their eagerness to serve. At this time, we also extend

our heartfelt thanks to Linda & Terry Byrnes; both are stepping down from Council after service for over six years. As we become more comfortable with easing the COVID restrictions, we'll be planning something to celebrate our new and not-so-new Council members!

We are also very happy to share that COVID restrictions for worship have been lifted. We know that it will take some time for people to become comfortable with our 'new normal', but please know that we are striving to carefully move forward while still keeping everyone safe.

—Gordo (Church Council Secretary)