

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021
Living Faith Lutheran, Sechelt, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

Please note: Singing is NOW permitted under the restrictions re. indoor worship

GATHERING

Gathering Song #526 "God is Here" v. 3 – piano only

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, **in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. ⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from an outer wall inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #677 "This Little Light of Mine"

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith with all the descendants of Sarah and Abraham and King David in the words of the ancient Jewish *Shema*:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of the Community

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

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. 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 now in silence or aloud. . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for all outreach ministries everywhere, including food banks, Shelters and Transition Houses for Women and Children, safe housing for the homeless, medical assistance for those struggling with addictions and abuse. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you, especially Gwen and all those indigenous people who mourn the deaths of the families and friends whose graves are forgotten or lost but whose memories are still alive and painful. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Finally, we pray for our country and those who are in authority, that they might always see their roles as servants of all citizens and caretakers of our history. For this land in which we live and with which we stand. 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 *Musical reflection as the table is set for the holy meal*

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 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 to the meal.

Music will be played until all have been fed with the bread of heaven

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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn #674 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
The refrain is sung twice each time

Dismissal Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude