

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021
Living Faith Lutheran, Sechelt, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

Please note: Singing is not permitted under the restrictions re: indoor worship

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection

God, our provider, help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways
when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you, for where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: In Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy:
we are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Song #532 "Gather Us In" (*see over*)

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

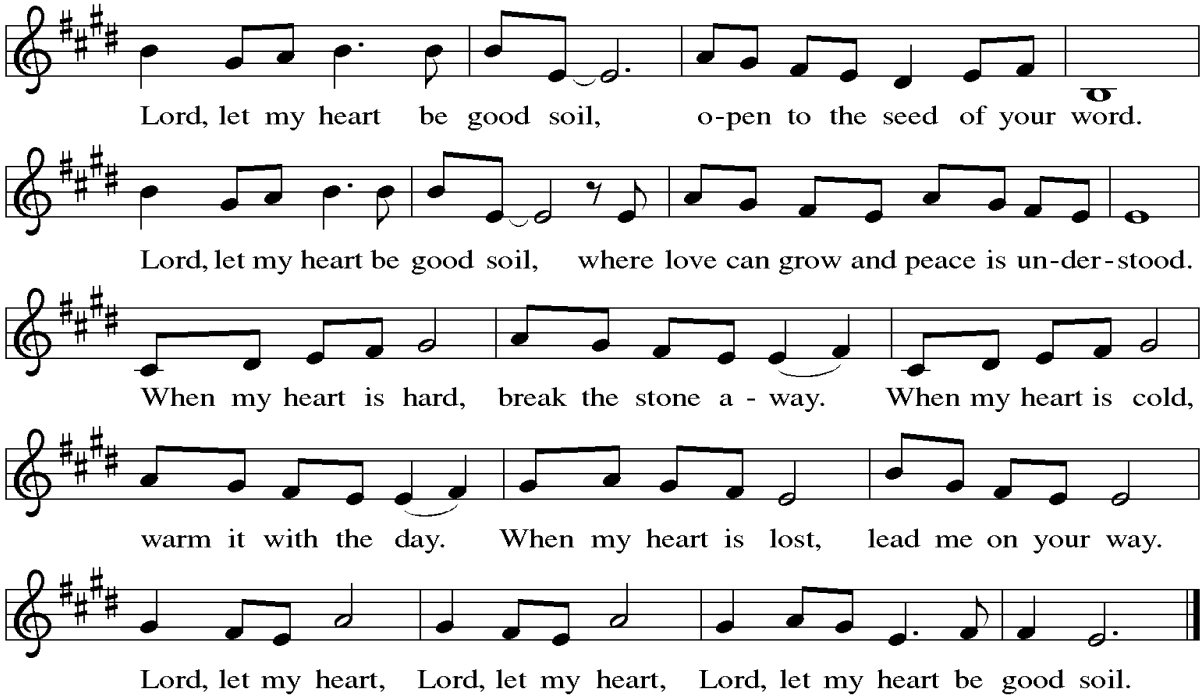
¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Lesson Hymn #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Holy Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,
²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Heidi Magnuson-Ford

Hymn of the Day #550 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

- 1 On what has now been sown your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here,
may meet together thus when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Affirmation of Faith: A Pilgrim's Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith.

All We are a community of faith.

**We share a vision of God: a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing, the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness, the spirit which pervades everything.**

We are reborn in the Spirit, followers of that Way shown by Jesus:

**to love God with our whole being; to love our neighbours as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us; to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion for every person and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm; to love one another as Christ has loved us.**

**We journey together on this Way towards reconciliation with the whole creation.
We break bread together and pray together.
We reach out to one another for strength beyond our own.
This is our community. This is our faith.**

Prayers of the Community

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

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, especially our Bishop, Greg, the Assistant, Kathy, and our pastors and parish council so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought or floods and bring rain or sun wherever the ground and the people are in need of them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Particularly do we pray for our Prime Minister and his cabinet; for our Premier, his cabinet; for our Provincial Health officers, especially Bonnie Henry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. We remember those in our communities here on the coast who need to find places to live that are safe and affordable. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for Val, our church musician. We dedicate to you the joyful sounds, however muted they may be, that come from the mingling of voices and instrument, and the songs sung in the hearts of all who are gathered together here once more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you, especially Karsten, Rick, Frank, Lilla, Nancy, Lothar, Ian, and all those, our sisters and brothers, who died at residential schools forgotten by everyone except their loved ones. And we bring before you now those known only to us and to you whose names we remember and speak now in the silence of our hearts. . . We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. 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, Life-Creator, Pain-Bearer and Hope-Bringer, be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**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 all. Come for all is ready!

"Lamb of God"

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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

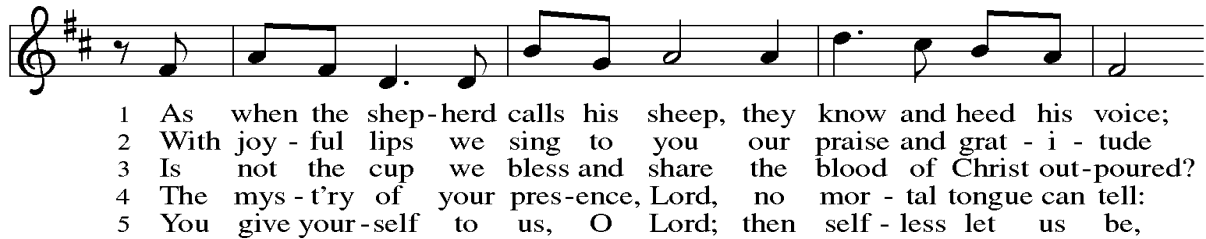
Blessing/Benediction

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

Sending Hymn #484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" v. 3 – piano only

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat



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

Postlude