

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 20, 2021  
Living Faith Lutheran, Sechelt, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

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

**GATHERING**

Gathering Song        #610        "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

- 1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
- 2 From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.
- 3 In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.  
Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow  
in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**WORD**

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

- <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in the LORD."  
<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait, to the soul that seeks the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of our God.  
<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it,  
<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the LORD will not reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although it causes grief, God will have compassion according to the abundance of steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for the LORD does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

Second Reading      2 Corinthians 8:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — <sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

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

Lesson Hymn      #726    "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

*Refrain*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

- 2 Love grows in a weary world  
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*
- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

<sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

#710

"Let Streams of Living Justice Flow"

- 1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

- 2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
- 3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Text © 1989 William Whitla.

#### Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith with all the descendants of Abraham and Sarah  
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 hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbours  
to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labour eagerly in service of the gospel,  
especially women pastors, deacons, teachers and full or part-time church workers who seek to  
bring justice, respect and hope to women who are oppressed, discouraged or marginalized,  
that through your good news all might experience transformation to new life.

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

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that  
provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and  
empower us to protect all you have made. We particularly ask your attention and care upon those  
who grow our food and so make our bodies healthier and our spirits happier.

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

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources, so that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from illness of body or mind, discrimination or abuse, whether sexual, emotional or physical. Embrace those who are sick, especially those known to us in our parish family or in our own circles of friends: For Erika and Rikki, Bud and Brenda, Ingrid and Pam, Linda and Terry, Nicholas and Jean, Gwen and Ed, Merv and Marlene, Kathy and Dave, Dorothy and Al, Sharon and Jan, Ruby and Paul, Larry and Steinar, Margaret and and Joan. . .and those we bring before you now in silence or aloud. . . Surround them with your unwavering presence and grant them healing, hope and comfort. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship—both in this holy house and in the holy houses all across our neighbourhoods. After this long and, for many, lonely time separated from friends, revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, so that our loved ones, we may join our voices to theirs in praise of you, your justice and your love. 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, Son and Spirit,  
be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. 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!

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 #613 "Thy Holy Wings"

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

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

Postlude