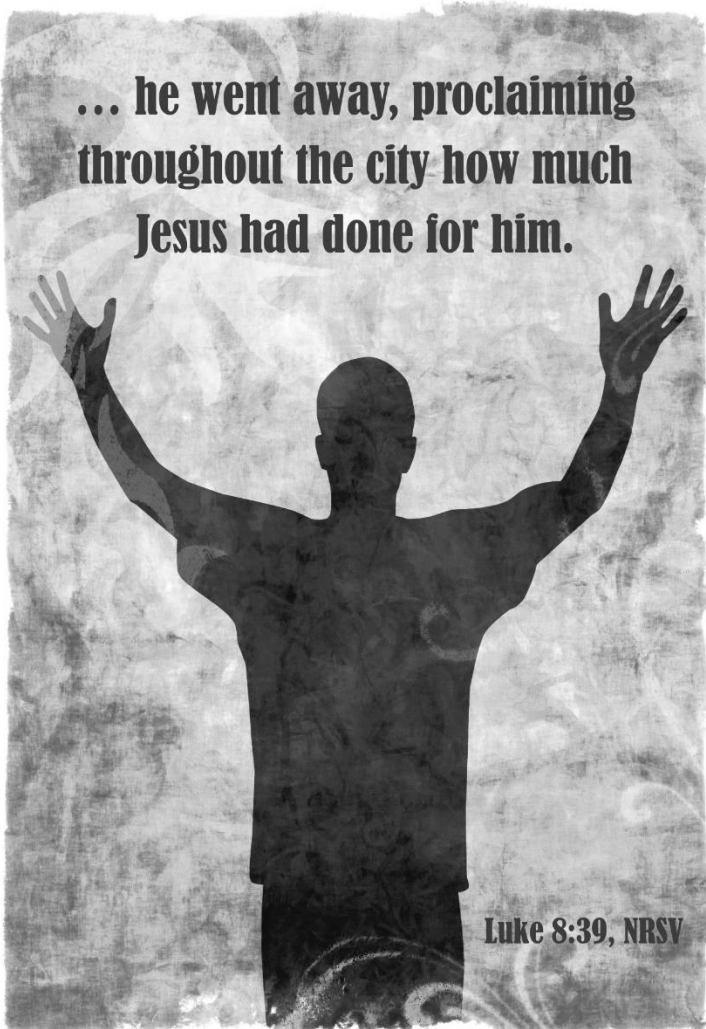




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**... he went away, proclaiming
throughout the city how much
Jesus had done for him.**



Luke 8:39, NRSV

June 22, 2025 + 10:00 am

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025 + 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise
(Elizabeth Balentine, piano)

arr. Albert Mendoza

WELCOME

BLESSING OF THE PAVILION CROSS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord, St. Paul speaks of the importance of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." By His death on the cross our Lord won salvation for us. (1 Cor. 2:1-2)

It is fitting that this cross be dedicated in the Name of the One who died on a cross for our salvation. Let this pavilion cross be a reminder to all who look at it of our Lord's death and resurrection.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of sin, death, and Satan but rejoice in Christ's saving victory.

Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

***OPENING SONG**

IN CHRIST ALONE

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Verse 1

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light my strength my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace!
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand!**

Verse 2

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin, on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live!**

Verse 3

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

Verse 4

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns, or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***A TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LSB 809

Sung

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Spoken Confession

Searcher of hearts,
**You know how often we confuse your guidance with our own
desire. We prefer our own choices and avoid your nudges to
be more inclusive in our love and more generous with our
time and possessions.**

**Let this season be for us a time to linger with the people who
matter to us, people whom we often hurry past. Let it be a
time to gather the scattered pages of our journeys and reflect
on your grace and call. Most of all, slow us down and bend us**

close to You, that we may be renewed in your love and peace.
Amen.

Sung

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Spoken Absolution

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 3:23 – 4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

⁴ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***CELTIC ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he

went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

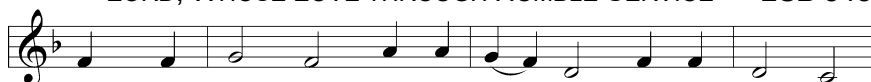
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE *LSB 848*



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

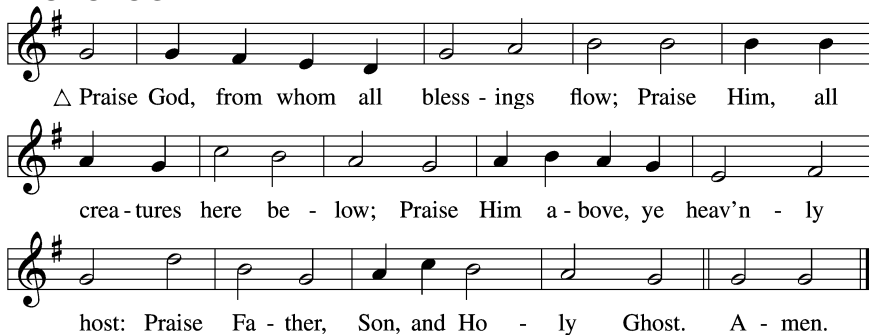
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Mark Hayes
(Elizabeth Balentine, piano)

*DOXOLOGY



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Shellece**, co-worker of Todd Nadritch, hospitalized with serious health concerns
- **Ken Wilson**, brother of Lynn Agor, in hospice care in Alabama
- **Michelle**, dear friend of Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner, advanced cancer throughout her body
- **Marcy McCullough**, niece of Sandie Freitag, serious car accident with several broken bones
- **Tyler Paxton**, 7-year-old great, great nephew of Sandie Freitag, broken right wrist due to a fall
- **Ron Uecker**, grandfather of Pastor Peter, hospitalized

Thanksgiving:

- **Andrew & Genna Love**, son and daughter-in-law of Bill & Sara Love, praise and thanksgiving for their 6/21/25 marriage

Called to Glory:

- **Brigitta Lux** (6/15/25), wife of Adalbert, 60 year member of Faith

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG** WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching Ooooo
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching Ooooo
We are marching in the light of God.**

We are singing....

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are marching...

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

POSTSERVICE MUSIC *Let the River Flow*

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Acolyte/Crucifer: Maxwell Poromon

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