

Faith Lutheran Church

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Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

Confession & Absolution

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and left undone.

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.

In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen

Song (insert) "Kumbaya"

WORD with the Children & Noisy Offering

Scripture (insert)

Message

Song (insert) "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Offering

Prayer, Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Song (insert) "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

~ Psalm 103:12

Prayer Requests:

Nolan Morical
Gerald Johnson
Mary Hefti

Susie Johnson
Laurie Johnson
Geri Burros

Butch Adams
Dawn Gillespie
Duaine Burros

From last Sunday: “Turn my heart away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your Word” – Psalm 119:37.

When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free. (Catherine Ponder)

Noisy Offering today supports Lutheran World Relief (a cooperative effort with Grace Lutheran) for health and school kits.

Today is Rally Sunday! After worship, we'll enjoy pulled pork sandwiches, corndogs for the kids, salad, chips and bars. Everyone is invited!

Monday Evening Bible Study resumes tomorrow, 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Reader: Candi Steer

Usher: Roger Bukkila

Sound Board: Brad Anderson

Musicians: Joni Barsness, Elaine Kronberg

Kumbaya

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh, Lord, Kumbaya!

Come and teach us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and teach us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and teach us, Lord, Kumbaya
Oh, Lord, Kumbaya!

Come and bless us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and bless us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and bless us, Lord, Kumbaya
Oh, Lord, Kumbaya!

Prayer for Illumination

God, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Amen

Genesis 50:15-21 *Peace ... finally!*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"

So the brothers sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly'. Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father".

When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children".

And Joseph reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Amen

Matthew 18:21-35 *Stop Keeping Score*

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you not seven times, but seventy-seven times".

"Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children be sold to repay the debt.

At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything'. The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back'.

But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

This is how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart".

Amen

Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!
Praise Him, praise Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!

Serve Him, serve Him,
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!
Serve Him, serve him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!

Thank Him, thank Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!
Thank Him, thank Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!

If You're Happy and You Know it

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, then you're life will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it, then you're life will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet!

If you're happy and you know it, shout, "Amen!"
If you're happy and you know it, shout, "Amen!"
If you're happy and you know it, then you're life will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, shout, "Amen!"

If you're happy and you know it, do all three
If you're happy and you know it, do all three
If you're happy and you know it, then you're life will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, do all three!