

Faith Lutheran Church ~ LCMC

Hutchinson, MN

August 25, 2024 ~ 10:10 a.m.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Mark 7:6-8

Gathering Music: "Rock of Ages"

**Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

CCLI Song No. 2149545

"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***Chorus:* Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my pardon this I see. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus***

**Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus***

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus***

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Greeting/Announcements

Song "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, all our sins to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

Song "In the Garden"

**I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.**

***Refrain:* And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me
I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there none other
has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their
singing; And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.**

Refrain

**I'd stay in the garden with Him tho the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go—thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.**

Refrain

CCLI Song No. 3268401

Amazing Grace (Peaceful Easy Feeling)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

***Refrain:* I've got a peaceful, easy feeling. I know you won't let me
down, Because I'm already standing on solid ground.**

**Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! *Refrain***

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. *Refrain***

**The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain***

First Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19

The vision of all this has become for you like the words of a sealed document. If it is given to those who can read, with the command, 'Read this', they say, 'We cannot, for it is sealed.' And if it is given to those who cannot read, saying, 'Read this', they say, 'We cannot read.'

The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.

Ha! You who hide a plan too deep for the LORD, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, 'Who sees us? Who knows us?' You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, 'He did not make me'; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, 'He has no understanding'?

Shall not Lebanon in a very little while become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be regarded as a forest? On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds: Faith Lutheran Puppets

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he said to them, ‘You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, “Honor your father and your mother”; and, “Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.” But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, “Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban” (that is, an offering to God)— then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.’

Sermon “The Heart of Tradition” Pastor Dave Wollan

Song “How Great Thou Art”

**Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

***Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain***

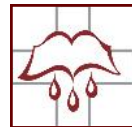
**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain***

CCLI Song No. 14181

Service of Holy Baptism: **Aiyana Resa Strei Watts**

daughter of Levi Watts and Tessa Strei
Sponsors: Jenna Strei and Madison Watts



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Welcome for the Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive her with love and rejoice with her at her entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering Song "Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb"

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Chorus: Are you washed, in the blood:

In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?

Are your garments spotless are they white as snow:

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside your garments that are stained with sin

And be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean

Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Chorus

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Do you rest each moment in the crucified?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Chorus

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Offertory Response: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

The 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.

Benediction

Sending Song “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

***Chorus:* Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot coming for to carry me home.**

**I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. *Chorus***

**If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I’m coming too, coming for to carry me home. *Chorus***

**I’m sometimes up and sometimes down coming for to carry me home.
But still my soul feels heavenly bound coming for to carry me home. *Chorus***

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about today’s worship theme

1. What’s your favorite tradition?
2. How does the Lutheran tradition point you to Jesus?
3. How did Jesus break tradition for you?

**A special *Thank You* to
our musicians today**

Lara Liepold, Kaylee
Scheevel, Carl Horton,
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Durst, and Austin
Willhite.

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