

A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Pr. Ben Colahan, preaching**

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PRELUDE

*Psalms Prelude 1, Op. 32, No. 1*  
Herbet Howells

WELCOME

Pr. Ben Colahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pr. Ben Colahan

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Come, Come Whoever You Are*  
Jalal ad-Din Rumi, MMC

Come, come, whoever you are,  
worshiper, wanderer, lover of leaving.  
Ours is not a caravan of despair.  
Though you have broken your vows  
a thousand times,  
come, come again, come. Ah.

GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

ELW 595

*Jesus Loves Me*

V. 1-2

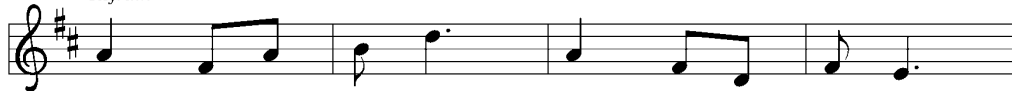


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 21:1-14

Sherri Kimmelshue

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year, and David inquired of the Lord. The Lord said, "There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house because he put the Gibeonites to death." <sup>2</sup>So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. (Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites; although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had tried to wipe them out in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah.) <sup>3</sup>David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? How shall I make expiation, that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?" <sup>4</sup>The Gibeonites said to him, "It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put anyone to death in Israel." He said, "What

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

do you say that I should do for you?" <sup>5</sup>They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and planned to destroy us so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel, <sup>6</sup>let seven of his sons be handed over to us, and we will impale them before the LORD at Gibeon on the mountain of the LORD." The king said, "I will hand them over."

<sup>7</sup>But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Saul's son Jonathan, because of the oath of the LORD that was between them, between David and Jonathan son of Saul. <sup>8</sup>The king took the two sons of Rizpah daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite; <sup>9</sup>he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they impaled them on the mountain before the LORD. The seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of barley harvest.

<sup>10</sup>Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it on a rock for herself, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell on them from the heavens; she did not allow the birds of the air to come on the bodies by day or the wild animals by night. <sup>11</sup>When David was told what Rizpah daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done, <sup>12</sup>David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan from the people of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hung them up, on the day the Philistines killed Saul on Gilboa. <sup>13</sup>He brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan, and they gathered the bones of those who had been impaled. <sup>14</sup>They buried the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of his father Kish; they did all that the king commanded. After that, God heeded supplications for the land.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

*Gospel Acclamation- Celtic Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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GOSPEL

Luke 6:43-45

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The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ANTHEM

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Philip P. Bliss, arr. by Tom Trenney  
Shelley Fairchild, *violin*  
FLC Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

Pr. Ben Colahan

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 353  
*Were You There*  
v. 1-3, 5



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Refrain*



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Karen Avis  
Response: ACS 1075  
*O God, We Call*

***Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.***

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Ben Colahan

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Pr. Ben Colahan

## OFFERING

FLC River Hike Video

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 of 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.**

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 512

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

*For those who desire personal prayer and anointing, during communion a healing minister is available along the sanctuary wall facing 1st Ave.*

*Beautiful Things*

Michael and Lisa Gungor

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Karen Avis

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan

SENDING SONG

W&P 138

*The Trees of the Field*

The musical score is written in G major and 3/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be-fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will". The guitar chords are: Em, B7, Em, B7, Em, D7/F# in the first system; G, C/G, G, D/F#, D, B/D# in the second system; Em, B7, Em, B7, Em in the third system.

B/F# F#m Em/G B7 Em (hand claps) D7 G  
 clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the  
 field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will  
 clap their hands, the trees of the field will  
 clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Words: Steffi Geisser Rubin, 1950—  
 Music: Stuart Dauermann, 1944—  
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BLESSING

Pr. Ben Colahan

DISMISSAL

Karen Avis

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Jubilate*  
 Fela Sowande

## **Today's Worship Team**

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Karen Avis

On-Site Council Member: Kathleen Pappani

Communion: Jill Bentler, Beth Bradley, Sharon Prindle, and Marge Troester

Communion Clean-up: Vickie James

Ushers: Dave Banrum and Alex Jia

Lector: Sherri Kimmelshue

Welcome Table: Dawn Stafford and Linda Zimbelman

Coffee Hour: Craig Fellner, Diane Fellner, Faye Johnson, and Dorothy Nelson

A/V Desk: Mal Ard, Adelio Havens, and Pat Snyder

Healing Minister: Caryl Quiñones

Offering Counters: Diane Knight and Joan Palmer

Sunday School: Chris Brown, Cindy Kampf, Alyssa Manes, and Dianna Snyder

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team, FLC Sanctuary Choir, and Shelley Fairchild

Cantor: Luke Nicolay.

## **Giving at Faith Lutheran**

You can use this QR code by opening the camera on your phone and focusing on the image. A prompt from "tithe.ly" (AKA Tithely) will pop up. Click it and you will be directed to the giving page on our website. You can also access our giving page at [chiofaithlutheran.org/give](http://chiofaithlutheran.org/give). Cash or checks can be placed in the offering plates during service or dropped off at the office during office hours. You may donate to our General Fund which supports our budget (staff salaries, operating costs, repairs and maintenance) or you may give to any designated fund like music, family, memorials, or the Capital Campaign.







*Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*

We invite you to wear the color red!

The Tuesday Quilters will have their boo-tique and bake sale after church. You can buy treats and delightful things for your home or kitchen. Money raised goes to scholarships for continuing education like university, junior college, trade school, and certificate programs, as well as paratransit tickets that help folks get to church.

Picture Day is today! Find Bill Kees after worship to have your photo taken for the upcoming directory to be released in early 2025. Another picture day will take place on 11/10.

## Music at Faith

Every Sunday after worship, kiddos ages 2-years to about 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invite to learn music with Mr. Luke, Dir. of Worship and Music, for this 15-20 minute class where kids will learn beat, rhythm, and other rudimentary music skills, sometimes including hands on time with orff instruments and handchimes. If you have any questions or would like more details, please feel free to reach out to Luke via email at [lukenicolay1@gmail.com](mailto:lukenicolay1@gmail.com) or by calling the office at (530) 895-3754.

### Music Practice

- Handbells – Wednesdays at 4pm
- Choir – Thursdays at 5:45pm
- Contemporary – Thursdays at 7:15pm



### Wilderness Worship Night Hike

*Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm*

Join us for an evening of learning to walk by faith as we hike in the darkness of a new moon. Butte Creek Ecological Preserve offers an easy under 1 mile walk along Butte Creek. On this All Saints Day we will have time for guided reflection under the stars. Meet at Faith Lutheran's parking lot, Friday, Nov. 1st at 7pm and carpool the 15 minute drive to the Butte Creek Ecological Preserve. The path is a level dirt trail. Please bring warm clothes, water, and a headlamp or flashlight. Please let Pastor Ben know if you plan on attending.

**All Saints Day**  
***Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>***

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we invite you to a special worship service to honor and celebrate the saints in our lives, both past and present. Please share a photo of your loved ones—family, friends, and mentors—to be displayed in our handcrafted frames on the altar during the service. Email your photos to Michael in the office at [office@chicofaithlutheran.org](mailto:office@chicofaithlutheran.org).

Following worship will be a luncheon. Ham and dessert will be provided. You are invited to bring a side dish to share potluck-style. This will be an opportunity to share stories about the saints who have impacted your lives and to hear about those cherished by others in our community. This event is organized by the Equipping Ministry. We look forward to delighting in food, stories, and remembrance with you.

**Veteran's Day Community Gathering**  
***Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> after Worship***

Faith Lutheran Church invites Chico to attend our worship service on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in observation of Veteran's Day. Follow the pinwheels adorning the front yard and turn into 667 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. After our service with special prayer for our Veterans, we'll invite everyone to coffee hour for conversation, refreshments, and the invitation to place a photo of loved ones who have service -you included- onto our table of appreciation. Regardless of your faith or background, you are welcome at our table. We would love to show our appreciation for your service, and the service of your friends and family.

## Picture Days

*Sundays, October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> after Worship*



You can have your photo taken after church on photo day, or send us a picture you already have. The people in the photo must be able to fit into a square frame. Please email your photos to [office@chicofaithlutheran.org](mailto:office@chicofaithlutheran.org).

## Steve Troester Memorial Blood Drive

*Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>*

More information about our annual blood drive is coming soon! For now, we encourage everyone to mark their calendars for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for our blood drive through Vitalant. In the meantime, please contact Marge Troester or the office for more information.