

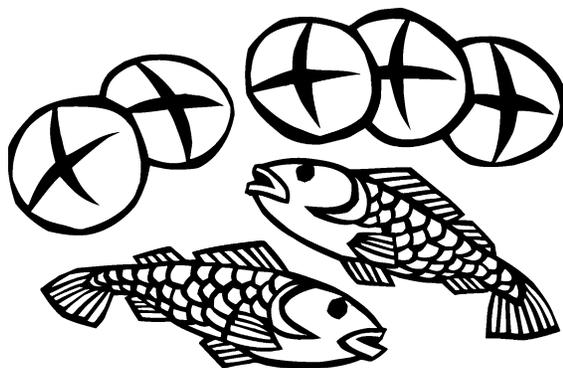


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25th, 2021

Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life. ~ *Faith Lutheran Church*



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamentation

JOHANNES FROBERGER*

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for Christ's sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, 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.

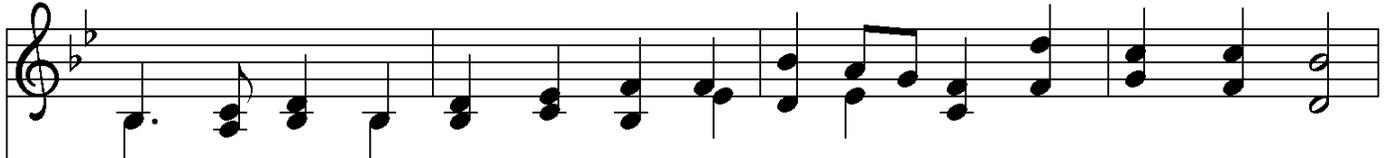
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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty v. 1 & 5

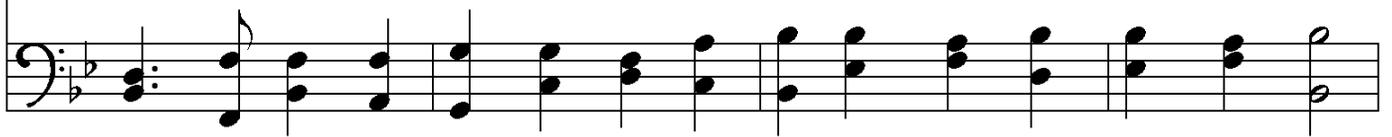
UNSER HERRSCHER



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



GREETING

P: Christ has called us to this place, gathered one and all by the Holy Spirit.

C: As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

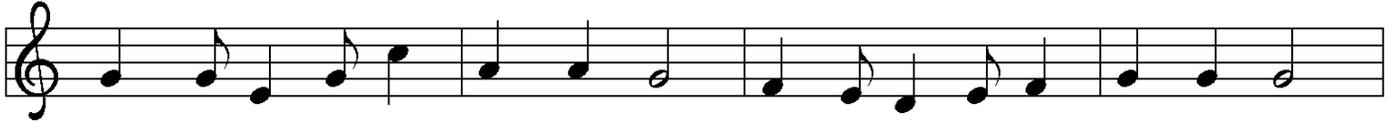
¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

P: Peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

P: Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, And grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power,
 Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

Meditation

CHARLES COUPERIN*

OFFERING HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

DANIEL IVERSON

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
 Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus
 Christ.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forever, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

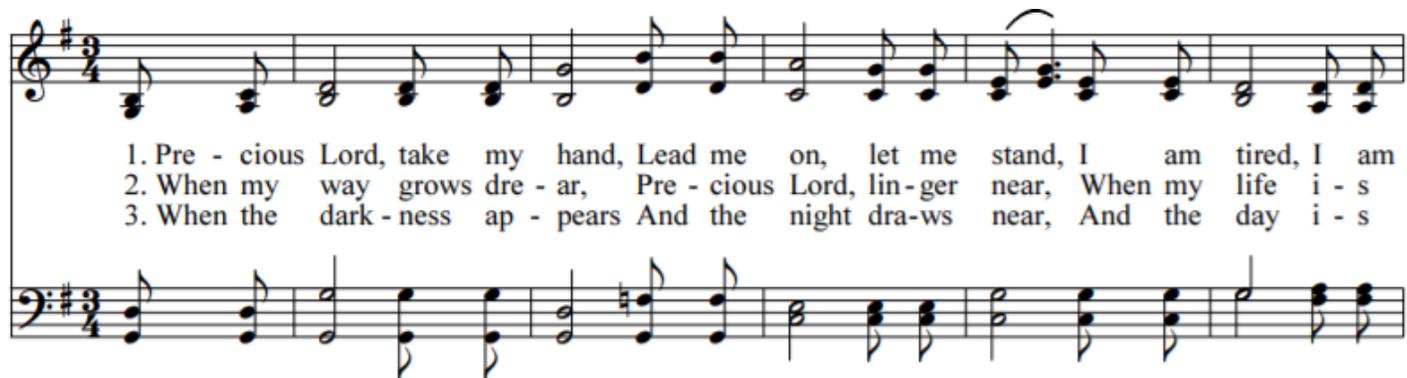
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

C: Amen.



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am
 2. When my way grows dre - ar, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near, When my life i - s
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night dra - ws near, And the day i - s



weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:
 al - m - ost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall:
 past a - nd gone, At the ri - ver I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SENDING RESPONSE

Fugue in E-flat Major

J. S. BACH

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***WORSHIP NOTES:** One of the most widely traveled of 17th-century musicians, **Johannes Froberger** knew the keyboard music of the great northern composers Jan Sweelinck and Samuel Scheidt, while his knowledge of the Italian school came from direct study with Girolamo Frescobaldi. In his travels around Europe, Froberger can be seen as a virtual musical bee, pollinating the royal courts of Paris, Vienna, and Dresden with his hybrid form of toccata, alternating free passage work with structured polyphony. Froberger's **Lamentation** is representative of the composer's expressionistic approach to such reflective music, filled with anguish, repeated "death knells" in the bass, and sighs of resignation.

As is the case of the Froberger Call to Worship, this morning's Offertory – by a member of the illustrious **Couperin** musical family – is a deeply felt, eloquent elegy in memory of the lutenist Charles Fleury; the Couperin *tombeau* includes tone painting of Fleury's lute playing as well as tolling bell effects.

Thanks to Diane Machatka for leading this morning's hymns!