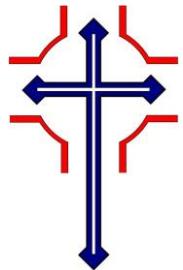


Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington, IL  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 15, 2020**



Prelude

Welcome

\*Hymn: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Red Book # 890

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, "Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;". The music is in G minor, common time, with a treble clef.

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, "he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;". The music is in G minor, common time, with a treble clef.

he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, "he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:". The music is in G minor, common time, with a treble clef.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi-lant, my feet!  
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, "his truth is march - - ing on.". The music is in G minor, common time, with a treble clef.

Our while

God God

on. on.

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn, "Refrain". The music is in G minor, common time, with a treble clef.

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - - jah!

Musical notation for the sixth line of the hymn, "Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - - jah! His truth is march-ing on.". The music is in G minor, common time, with a treble clef.

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - - jah! His truth is march-ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910

Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent  
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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

You may dip your finger in water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please keep silence for reflection*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through + Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

Peace:

P As forgiven people, we have peace with God, and peace with one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us share that peace with one another. Please take a moment to share God's peace with those near to you, and say a prayer of peace for those at a distance.

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.



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Hymn of Praise: "Christ Be Our Light"

Red Book # 715

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Children's Message

#### Psalm: Psalm 90:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**

**from age to age | you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the | dust and say,  
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away | like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed | by your anger;  
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have | set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our | days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly  
and | we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power | of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R      The Word of the Lord

C      **Thanks be to God**

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pair, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes, with a small circled 'C' above the first 'A'. The second staff starts with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pair, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes. The third staff starts with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pair, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life." are written below the notes. The fourth staff starts with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pair, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

## **Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

### **C      Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord

### **C      Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon by Pastor John Rothfusz

## Hymn: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

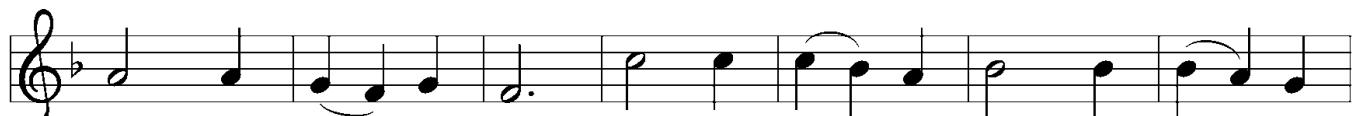
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1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bless - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

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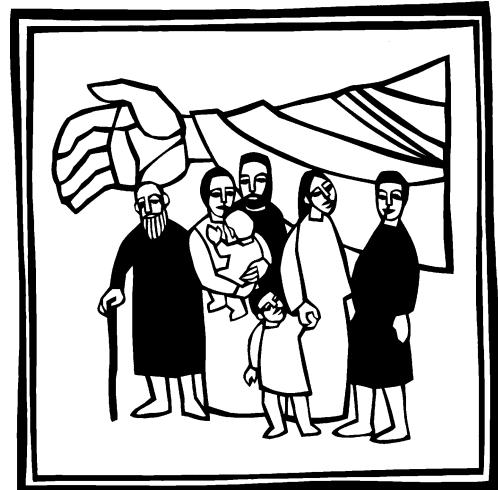
## Recognition and Installation of Faithful Innovation Guiding Team

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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



On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to serve on our guiding team, listen for God's calling, and lead us together at Faith Lutheran to share in God's good future?

If so answer: **Yes, by the help of God.**

**P** People of God, I ask you: Will you support this guiding team, and share with them as we explore together the ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

If so answer **C** **Yes, by the help of God.**

**P** I declare that you are installed as the guiding team for our Faithful Innovation process. May God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. Amen.

**Offering:** Jesus will come again, and he makes us caretakers of our lives and our world. We show our thanks and praise as we lift up our tithes and offerings to the Lord. Please take a moment now to make an electronic offering to the church on the website, with the Tithe.ly app or write a check and send it in.

## Offering Music: "O Christ the Same"

WOV 778

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926  
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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Prayers: After each portion of the prayers finishes with “Lord in your mercy,” please respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”

### **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**

### Announcements

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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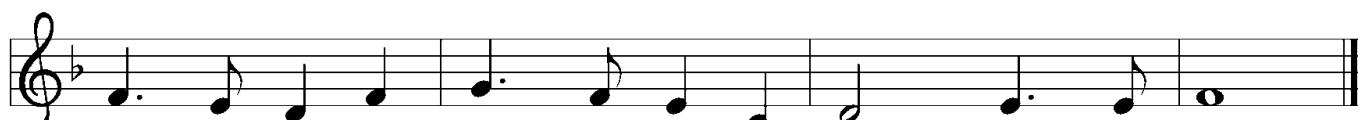
1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.



For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
In our world-wide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing,  
For the wonders that surround us, for the truths that still confound us,



future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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**\*Dismissal**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude