

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERVICE NOTE:

Our path for worship over the next few weeks is as follows:

THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST...

<i>Pentecost 8</i>	<i>Followers of Christ love their neighbor</i>
<i>Pentecost 9</i>	<i>Followers of Christ listen when God speaks</i>
<i>Pentecost 10</i>	<i>Followers of Christ pray boldly</i>
<i>Pentecost 11</i>	<i>Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God's promises</i>
<i>Pentecost 12</i>	<i>Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless</i>

FOR THE CHILDREN:

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located in Rooms 1 and 2.

A Cry-Room is available if your little ones need a moment. It is located near the balcony stairs at the back of the sanctuary. A speaker and window let you see and hear the service.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Changeless Message for a Changing World

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PENTECOST 11

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register in the back of the church.

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, there is a children's room on the right in the back of the sanctuary. A speaker there allows you to hear the service.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available. Speak to an usher.
- **Large print service folders** are available. Speak to an usher.
- **Staffed nursery is available**, down the hall to the left.



TODAY'S THEME:

FAITH IN THE PROMISED
TREASURE OF GOD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #463, *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

INVOCATION

L(eader): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

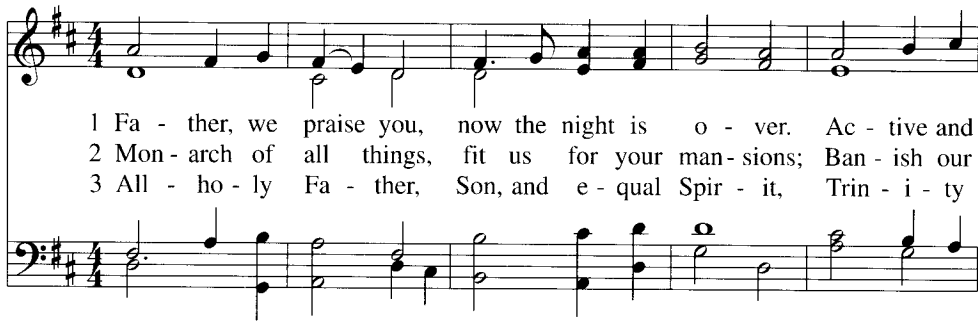
L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

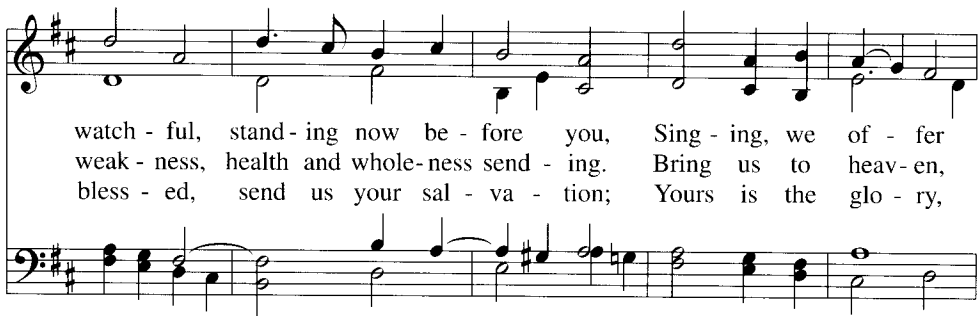
L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

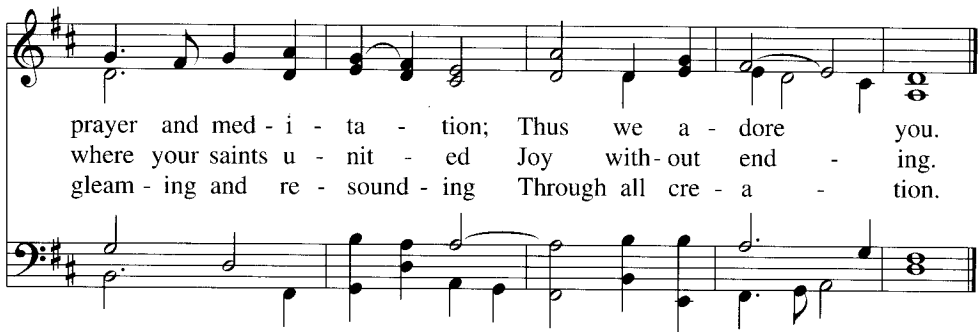
OUR SONG OF PRAISE¹



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

¹ We worship our God this morning with the ancient song of praise, *Christe Sanctorum*. This hymn was written by Gregory the Great in the 6th century A.D., and it reflects the wonderful legacy that historic Christianity has left for the Church today.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 15:1-6

¹ After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward."

² But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 33

Read responsively with the leader

L: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

C: **it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

L: For the Word of the LORD is right and true;

C: **he is faithful in all he does.**

L: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,

C: Their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

L: For he spoke, and it came to be;

C: he commanded, and it stood firm.

L: The LORD foils the plans of the nations;

C: He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

L: But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,

C: the purposes of his heart through all generations.

L: The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

C: the earth is full of his unfailing love.

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:32-40

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #405, *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink*

THE SERMON:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

The members of Faith Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

FAREWELL TO VICAR AND DAWN SCHLEIS

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE 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.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

**L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord
with gladness.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: #728, *Jerusalem the Golden*

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



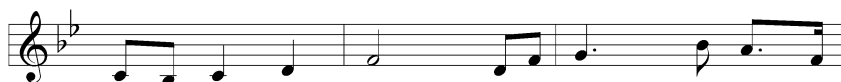
fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

Announcements

Welcome to guests and visitors! We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon.

FaithBuilders Class: Our FaithBuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Faith, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes are held on Sunday at 11:45AM and the same topic is repeated on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Schroeder. Childcare is available. Everyone is welcome!

Vicar Farewell: Vicar Schleis and Dawn have nearly completed their 12 months of residency with us. Join us in the gathering area after the services as we bid the family farewell and enjoy some refreshments. They will return to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for Keith's eight year and then will be assigned into the Holy Ministry next May.

Vicar Moving In: On Friday August 13th at 6:30pm, we will be moving Vicar Nass into his apartment. If there are enough people, we should be able to accomplish this within 2 hours or so. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or speak to Dawn Hill

Friday Night Picnic: Join us on August 20th at 6PM underneath the oak trees in the back of church. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun and fellowship. We will cook hamburger, hot dogs, and wings at the church. Each family is asked to bring a side dish to share and seating and drinks for their family. During the picnic, we will have a connect group corn hole competition.

Pastor Douglas Tomhave will be installed at Hope Lutheran in Hampton on Sunday, August 15th. The service will take place at 4:00 P.M. with a meal immediately following. Pastor Aaron Christie will be the guest preacher. For those planning to attend the meal, please RSVP to Adam Slapkus at slapkus@hotmail.com or 770-707-2144. Hope Lutheran Church is located at 3376 Highway 20 West, Hampton, Georgia 30228. Visit their website for more additional directions, www.hopegeorgia.org.

Upcoming Schedules:

- Cleaning:** Week Aug 9 – Aug 14: Pauli/J. Schroeder
Week Aug 16 – Aug 21: Rector/Payne/Nichols
- Lawn Mowing:** Week Aug 9 – Aug 14: Morgan/Lanier
Week Aug 16 – Aug 21: Freeman/Hendricks
- Nursery:** Sun Aug 15: Watkins
Sun Aug 22: Rector/Payne