



"Let the little children come to me..." (Mark 10:14)

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"Growing Together in the Eternal Gospel"

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Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship. Why does our Faith family spend so much time, money, and effort on education? Why do we operate a Christian Day School, a Sunday school, youth and adult Bible studies? Because of what Jesus says. He has commissioned his people to go out into the world "... *teaching* them to obey everything I have commanded..." May the Lord bless every effort that teaches his truths to the next generation.

It is a privilege to worship with you this weekend. Please come again very soon!

Large Print Service Folders and Hearing Assistance

Both are available from an usher at your request.

Our Facilities

Our restrooms are located just to the left of the tower entrance. A family restroom is also available there. The members of Faith believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If your young one needs some "time out," we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Preparation for Worship

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!

Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,

While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder. Amen. (CW 221 v.4)



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 23-24, 2009

Christian Education Sunday

Order of Service

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship may be used on any occasion to remind God's people of the blessings of his Word.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *(spoken)* Amen.

Introduction to the hymn.

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,
C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's



ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (*spoken*) **Amen.**

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: A - men.

Be Seated

The Word of the Lord

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21 (NIV)
The Word must be taught to the next generation

Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.² Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm;³ the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country;⁴ what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them.⁵ It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the desert until you arrived at this place,⁶ and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them.⁷ But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.¹⁶ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.¹⁷ Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you.¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Psalm

Psalm 119c

Hymnal page 111

Sung responsively between pastor and people

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

The Word is the basis for a Christian Education

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Verse



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C: Refrain

M: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

C: Refrain

Stand out of respect for the Word and Works of Jesus

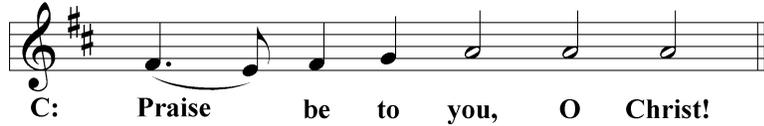
Gospel

Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)

Little children are brought to Jesus

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Hymn of the Day

“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

Hymnal #512

To be sung as follows: v. 1 All; v. 2 Women; v. 3 All; v. 4 Men, v. 5 All

Sermon

Pastor Aaron Christie

Based upon Mark 10:13-16

Let the Children Come to Him!



Let the little children
come to me....

LUKE 18:16

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.

Be Seated

Gathering of Our Offering and Offering Prayer

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the FRIENDSHIP REGISTER in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you!

If you are not a member of Faith Lutheran, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. (God wants us to be cheerful with our gifts – not feeling guilty or obligated.) We gather our offerings in church, *because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship.* The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given on Sunday morning. May the Lord bless you. May he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

**The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
Oh, may his house be my abode And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest But like a child at home. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

M: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

Silent prayer.

M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**

M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

C: **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

C: **Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.**

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

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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.**

Sermon Hymn

“Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd”

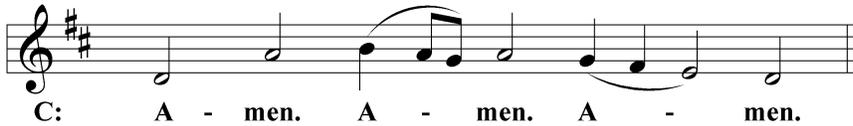
Hymnal #508

Stand

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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.



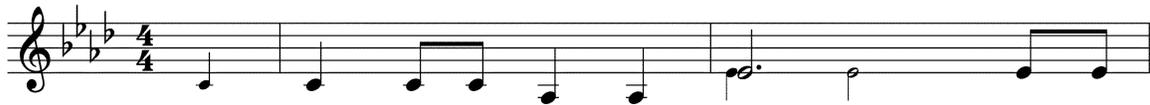
Closing Hymn

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Verses 1-3

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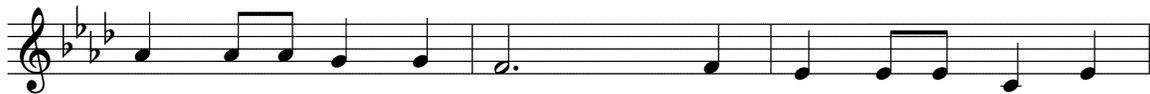
Verses



1. _____ I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that _____ I will give is my
 3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
 4. _____ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, _____
 5. Yes, Lord, _____ I be - lieve that _____



come to me shall not hun - ger; and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, _____ and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____
 I _____ am the life. _____ If you be -
 you _____ are the Christ, _____ the _____



lieve in me shall not thirst. _____ No one can come to
 eat _____ of this bread, _____ you shall _____ live for
 drink _____ of his blood, and drink _____ of his
 lieve _____ in _____ me, _____ e - ven _____ though you
 Son _____ of _____ God, _____ Who _____ has _____



me un - less the _____ Fa - ther beck - ons.
 ev - er, _____ you shall _____ live for ev - er.
 blood, _____ you shall not have life with - in you.
 die, _____ you shall _____ live for ev - er.
 come in - to _____ the _____ world. _____

Refrain



And I will raise you up, and I will raise you



up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927
 Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927
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