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Luke 5:10-11

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Faith Lutheran Church
Highland, Michigan

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary.

AS WE GATHER – As we continue our Summer Sermon Series on Luke’s Gospel, we recall that one of the major themes in Luke is this: Luke not only wants us to learn ABOUT Jesus and thus be assured as to the truth of what we have been taught, but Luke also wants us to learn FROM Jesus regarding our life and living as redeemed Children of God. Today’s Gospel Reading recalls how Jesus’ disciples had fished one night with no results. At times, we all struggle with a lack of productivity and results. Yet the Lord challenges us to keep “fishing”, following His lead and His instructions. It all calls for trust in and obedience to the One who can do all things well. Trust and Obedience are key words in today’s Worship Service.

PASTOR’S GREETING, SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

THE OPENING HYMN - “All Depends on Our Possessing” (LSB 732)
(We sing verses 1-4)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. In the weariness of a busy life, I have yielded to temptation. I have trusted myself more than I have trusted You. I have not always followed where You led. Forgive me, I pray. By Your Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me so that I may truly be used by You in Your great redemptive work on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

P: Christ brings His life and light to you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. By His atoning work, you are freed.

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

C: Amen.

(We sing) LSB 732 verse 5

**Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never,--
As God wills, so be it ever,-- I to Him commit my way.**

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, our loving Father, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit, You call us, as You called the first disciples, to follow You as fishers of men. Make us to love You and trust You with our whole strength and heart, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Deuteronomy 1:29-36

(God's anger is kindled chiefly because His people refused to trust Him.)

²⁹ *Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them.*

³⁰ *The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, ³¹ and in the desert. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."* ³² *In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, ³³ who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.*

³⁴ *When the LORD heard what you said, He was angry and solemnly swore:*

³⁵ *"Not a man of this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your forefathers, ³⁶ except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the LORD wholeheartedly."*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY Psalm 22 (Selected verses)

(After Israel learned to trust in the Lord, their trust became a source of joy.)

P: Our ancestors put their trust in You; they trusted You, and You saved them.

C: They called to You and escaped from danger; they trusted You and were not disappointed.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in Him.

**C: It was You who brought me safely through birth, and when I was a baby,
You kept me safe. I have relied on You since the day I was born, and
You have always been my God.**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in Him.

THE EPISTLE LESSON - I John 3:21-24

*²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God
²² and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and
do what pleases Him. ²³ And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son,
Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey His
commands live in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us:
We know it by the Spirit He gave us.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE (Spoken)

ALL: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

*¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people
crowding around Him and listening to the word of God, ² He saw at the waters
edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into
one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.
Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When He had finished
speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a
catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught
anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so,
they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.
⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came
and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell
at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"*

⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

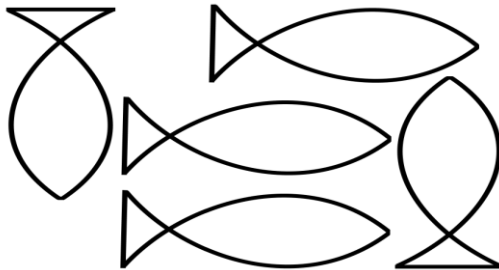
THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

THE HYMN OF THE DAY - "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722

THE SERMON - "Show Me the Fish" – Luke 5:1-11

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES



THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: The prayers of God's people are pleasing to His ears. When we pray, we do so in obedience to God's command and trust in His promise to hear us. When we pray, we submit ourselves to God's will, and are confident that He will answer our prayers according to His perfect understanding of our needs and the needs of all people, and His attitude toward us of love and mercy. Let us, therefore, bow down our hearts before Him in prayer.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, Creator of all things, we stand in awe of Your might and power.

The whole expanse of the universe reflects Your glory, and the complexity of even the smallest particles gives testimony to Your infinite wisdom.

We praise You for having made us and all things, but especially do we praise You for having chosen us to be Your children, and for having given us new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Heavenly Father, continue to draw us close to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You created Your Church to be an instrument to reach into this world of sin and trouble with Your Word of forgiveness and healing. Keep us faithful

to the task You have given us. Give us a passion for those still lost in the grip of sin.

Give us courage to reach out through the Word; but also, to share Your love in actions that reflect Your generosity. Bless the leaders of our church with wisdom and courage, that we may not be sidetracked from the mission You have set before us

.Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You commanded that prayers be offered for all people, but especially for those who are in positions of authority. We therefore pray for our President and Vice President, our judges and legislators, our governors and mayors, and our local authorities. Fill them with a sense of compassion and mercy, and give them wisdom to govern rightly.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You invite us to bring our concerns before You. We pray for those whose needs are a burden on our hearts, and for those who are ill, especially. . .
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You are the Giver of Life, and we join with those who celebrate the life You have given. Continue to pour Your grace upon.....

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

THE BLESSING AND GODSPEED FOR THOSE IN SPECIAL SERVICE

Several members of our congregation have volunteered to service at the National Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. As they leave to serve our national church body, we pray God's blessings upon them and their service.

Laura Hornbacher ~ Gathering Ambassador (Leaving July 16th)

Gathering Ambassadors are adult volunteers ages 26 and older. These volunteers serve in many different capacities for the duration of the Gathering. They are servant leaders and trusted voices, helping participants have a safe and remarkable experience.

Max Lay, Grace and Emma Hartsell ~YAV (Leaving July 17th)

Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) are adults ages 19–25 who serve as role models and servant leaders throughout all corners of the Gathering.

Ian Hartsell ~ Team Flex (Leaving July 18th) Team Flex volunteer positions are open to any adult ages 18+ who want to serve with a more flexible schedule. These volunteers have committed to serve anywhere from 4 hours for a single day or up to 8 hours a day for 5 days.

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 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 BENEDICTION

P: “May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him,
C: **through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**”

THE CLOSING HYMN – “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise” LSB 917

Savior, again to Your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless You ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Your word of peace.
Grant us Your peace upon our homeward way;
With you began, with You shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Your name.
Grant us Your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
For us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
Your evening presence promise to Your own.
Grant us Your peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Your eternal peace.

