JESUS FULFILLS

THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES



Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth,
    the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
    who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

(Psalm 146:5-8)

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**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Highland, Michigan 48356

Faith Lutheran Church

**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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Office Business hours: Tuesday—Friday 9:00am —1:00pm

**Those serving in our Worship today**

Rev. Richard Rossow Preacher

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**Prayer Request Cards**

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary.

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**AS WE GATHER** – As we continue our Summer Sermon Series on Luke’s Gospel

we note that one of Luke’s themes is to present Jesus as the promised one of God as prophesied in the Old Testament. Luke wants to assure his readers of the truth of what they had been taught. God’s plan of salvation, introduced in the Old Testament,

has its fulfilment in Jesus of Nazareth

WELCOME/SHARING GOD’S PEACE

THE OPENING HYMN - “This is the Day the Lord Has Made” 903 v.1,2,3

 **This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad and praise surround the throne.**

 **Today He rose and left the dead, and Satan’s empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread, and all His wonders tell.**

 **Blessèd is He who comes to us with messages of grace;
He, in the Lord’s name, comes to us to save our fallen race.**



##### THE INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION**

P: Our Lord says, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble.” (Psalm 50:15).

 Every day in the life of a human being is a day of trouble in that we are troubled by the peril of our own sin and in need of rescue.

**C: “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves**

 **and the truth is not in us.”** (1 John 1:8)

P: Our Lord Jesus says, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

**C: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”** (1 John 1:9)

(We pause for silent prayer and personal confession)

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P: Before God, and before one another,

 let us then make public confession of our sin.

**C: Almighty and merciful God, Your first commandment tells us to keep You first in our lives and to trust in You for all good things. But instead, we have often forgotten You, we have often disobeyed You. We have shuddered in fear at the attacks of this world. Forgive us, Lord, for Jesus’ sake. Heal us and strengthen our faith so we may follow courageously wherever You lead.**

P: Our LORD says, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me” (Psalm 50:15). I assure you that God has heard your cry for rescue from your sins, and for the sake of the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus Christ, He forgives you all your sins. Therefore, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in His peace and joy.

**C: “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” Amen.** (Psalm 51:10-13)

# HYMN OF PRAISE – “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” (900) v. 1,3

 **Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev’ry knee Bow in deep humility.**

 **Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave, “Jesus shall His people save.”**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Your grace is sufficient for us, O Lord; Your power is made perfect in weakness. Whatever weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, or calamities may befall us, reach out and touch us. Let the power of Christ rest upon us, that in Him we may be strong, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**C: Amen.**

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### **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Isaiah 61:1–2** (The very passage Jesus reads in the synagogue, proclaiming good news to the poor and liberty to the captives)

*“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;* *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;”*

**Acts 10:36-38** (Peter describes Jesus as anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and power, going about doing good and healing.)

 “*As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all),****37****you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:****38****how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devi…”,*

**Matthew 11:2–5 (**Jesus affirms His identity to John the Baptizer by pointing to the healing and liberation He brings which was long prophesied as a mark of the Messiah)

*“Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples****3****and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”****4****And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see:*

***5****the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.*

**THE GOSPEL READING** - (Luke 4:14–21 is a powerful declaration of Jesus’ mission, rooted in Isaiah’s prophecy and echoed throughout scripture.) We Stand.

P: The Holy Gospel recorded by St. Luke the 4th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

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***14****And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about Him went out through all the surrounding country.****15****And He taught in their synagogues,*

*being glorified by all.* ***16****And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read.****17****And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*

***18****“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,* ***19****to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”* ***20****And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.*

 *And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.****21****And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

****P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**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 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee 702 v. 1,2

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;**

**O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;
    My zeal inspire! as Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
    A living fire!**

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**THE SERMON**

**WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY** (as the offerings are brought forward, we stand to sing)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” - (781 )v. 1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is Thine alone,**

**A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive;**

**And gladly, as Thou blessest us,**

**To Thee our first fruits give!**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

P: You know our needs, O God, and those of Your children everywhere throughout the world.

**C: You know our resources as well; the gifts You have given us to use and share according to Your will.**

P: By the vast riches of the love of Christ, move Your people to generosity, that in all things they may be faithful stewards of Your bounty.

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

P: Gracious Shepherd: All Your sheep are dear to You, the lambs of Your flock especially precious.

**C: Hear our prayers for those young people who wander from the safe shelter of Your fold into ways that are dangerous, and possibly disastrous.**

P: Watch over Your children in their unknowing need, we pray; send help to snatch them kindly, firmly, from their peril; and return them safely to their home and Yours.

P: Almighty God: We seek Your protection and blessing for the families who must wait at home while loved ones deploy to the far corners of the world

 in the service of their country.

**C: By Your Spirit, strengthen them with faith in You when life’s trials**

 **seem most difficult.**

P: Hold them firm in Your grace and use Your people to provide loving care and support.

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P: Lord of the church: You are eternal and unchangeable, forevermore the same –

 while we live in the midst of constant change. Grant unto Your Church the grace, remaining faithful to Your Word, to adapt to change as it occurs – new situations, new understandings, new challenges, new opportunities.

**C: Direct and guide Your people safely through uncharted ways.**

P: Lord of the nations: As once You sent Your prophets to proclaim Your will and love to all the world and called disciples to follow You as those who fish

 for people everywhere,

**C: continue to send faithful witnesses to the far corners of the earth, that precious souls for whom Christ died may turn to You in saving faith.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as You came into the world no to be served but to serve and to give Your life as a ransom for many,

**C: make Your church also a company of servants,**

 **humbly committed to Your saving will.**

P: O God, You are from everlasting, the Ancient of Days, eternally the same,

 unchanged by time.

**C: We, however, are children of dust, subject to the ravages of our years.**

P: We seek Your strong and tender mercy for our aging loved ones, growing weak and feeble, frightened and infirm, increasingly dependent upon others.

**C: Uphold them with a sense of Your surrounding presence and provide them with the help and care – and dignity – they need to live their crowning days as Your beloved, children of a never-failing Lord.**

(Pastor will offer special petitions here.)

P: All these things we ask in the name of Him who has taught us to pray…

**the Lord’s Prayer**

ALL: 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.

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**THE BENEDICTION**

P: Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ the first fruit; then when He comes, those who belong to Him. Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear friends, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**THE CLOSING HYMN** – “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (704)

 **Renew me, O eternal Light, and let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**

 **Remove the pow’r of sin from me and cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**

 **Create in me a new heart, Lord, that gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, and with new life my soul inspire.**

 **Grant that I only You may love and seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**



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