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PRELUDE: *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken* (ELW 647); *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (ELW 678); *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793); *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord* (James H. Fillmore) — played by Mayuko Takagi

WELCOME

Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Welcome! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God, gathering in the building and online.

HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

KYRIE: *ELW p. 203* (sung)

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

A reading from Ecclesiastes:

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the

toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalm 49:1-12*

¹Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low,**

rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb**

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,**

and boast of their great riches?

⁷One can never redeem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great**

that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forever and ever

and never see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish**

and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation

to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;**

they are like the beasts that perish.

GOSPEL: *Luke 12:13-21*

The Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against

all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *All Depends on Our Possessing* (ELW 589)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, lay teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Guide those congregations in transition; especially Peace Latvian Church in Ottawa in their call process. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice, especially in the Ukraine. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress, especially Sylvia, Lyndon, Yvonne, Jennifer and Cindy, Bowen, Bettina, Luke, Cecily, Eleanor, Marie, Ken and Engel. Renew us all in your love, and bring

us to the table of your mercy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of the congregational council and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are our joy. Surround those who celebrate their birthdays around this time. We give thanks for the gift of life in Rita Rosinski, Riley Fortier-Stanley, Mauro Madeira and Julia Wirth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS *(For those gathering in person, a basket/offering plate is left near the doors of the sanctuary for you to offer your gift as you leave; for those watching online, you are welcome to support the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church by clicking on the 'donate' button at our website or mailing your cheque to the church address. Thank you.)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW p. 207)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of peace and joy.
These are the gifts of God for the whole people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *O Living Bread From Heaven* (ELW 542)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Faith Begins by Letting Go* (ACS 1004)

1. Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.
2. Faith endures by holding on,
keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.
3. Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbour.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *I Give All to You* (Larnelle Harris), played by Mayuko Takagi

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