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PRELUDE: *On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787); *Making Their Way* (ELW 979); *Entrée de Polymnie* from the opera 'Les Boréades' (Jean-Philippe Rameau); 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: *When Our World Is Rent By Violence* (ELW 1052)

- 1 When our world is rent by violence
and our lives are marred by grief,
when our songs of calm assurance
turn to cries of unbelief:
God, we raise our lamentation
seeking refuge and relief.

- 2 When our cities stand forsaken
and the poor must beg for bread,
when the pris'ner sits forgotten
and the homeless find no bed,
God, we raise our lamentation:
waken justice from the dead!

- 3 When our lives are burnt to ashes
and our hopes fade like a dream,
when our stories lose their meaning
and despair becomes their theme,
God, we raise our lamentation:
Come, Lord Jesus, to redeem!

- 4 Raise up beauty from the ashes;
end our violence; tend our peace.
Give us visions of a future
where all captives find release,
where oppression is evicted,
and all works of hatred cease.

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 (*p. 184 ELW*)

Refrain:

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM: *Psalm 146 (read responsively by whole verse)*

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: *Luke 16:19-31*

The Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with

Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. Give assurance by your love churches in times of transition and loss. During this era of rapid pace of change, help local Ministry Area congregations to remain true to their calling in Christ Jesus. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, rivers and beaches. Restore communities devastated by flooding in Pakistan. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. On Truth and Reconciliation Day this coming Friday may we with all peoples of Canada affirm that every child matters; so, help us work for justice in the lives of Indigenous children. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill Especially we pray for Marie, Margareta, Sylvia, Lyndon, Yvonne, Jennifer and Cindy, Bowen, Bettina, Luke, Cecily, Eleanor, Ken and Engel, Devin. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place—those who provide flowers, those who plan and lead worship, those who sing and read scripture and

assist worship participation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring joy to all who celebrate their birthdays this week, especially Ron Schearer and Elisabeth von Bloedau. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, 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 HYMNS: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712); *Build A Longer Table* (ACS 1062)

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
 feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
 Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
 Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.
- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
 where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
 For any place where justice is denied,
 Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
- 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
 Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
 When we embrace compassion more than fear,
 Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
- 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
 Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
 So must our tables welcome those who roam.
 None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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: *The Church of Christ in Every Age* (ELW 729)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbour. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Sing We Now At Parting* (Ebenezer Beesley, arr. by Terri Hutchings); played by Mayuko Takagi

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