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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for April 14, 2024 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation** *(stand)*

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(stand)*

**P:** As we gather, today, let us cleanse our hearts and our consciences by confessing our sin to God.

*(Time of silence for reflection and confession)*

**C:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor in our thoughts, words, and actions.  We are truly sorry for our sins and sincerely repent of them. We ask for Your mercy. For the sake of Jesus Christ's bitter suffering and death, please forgive us and renew us that we may walk in Your Spirit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

**P:** The Lord has heard your confession. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C:** Amen

**Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving –** All The People Said Amen

Verse 1:

You are not alone, if you are lonely.

When you feel afraid, you're not the only.

We are all the same, in need of mercy,

To be forgiven and be free,

It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need.

Chorus:

And all the people said Amen, woah!

And all the people said Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.

And all the people said Amen. *(Last line repeated on last chorus)*

Verse 2:
If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall.
And He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all.

*(Chorus)*

Bridge:

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry for another start

For this is the kingdom, the kingdom of God

*(Chorus 2x)*
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**First Reading:**Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading** - Luke 12:29-34

And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C:** Praise be to You, o Christ.

**Sermon Song –** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live. © Public Domain

**Sermon** – "Serving Others"

Sermon - 1 John 3:16–18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Prayers**

**Apostles' Creed** *(stand)*

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 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.

**The Lord's Prayer** *(stand)*

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

**Offering** *(sit)*

**Words of Institution** *(stand)*

**Distribution**

**Prayer** *(stand)*

**Benediction** *(stand)*

**Closing Song:** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow *(stand)*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

**Being God’s Church**



**Thank You Ginger Dunn**

Ginger and her family have been coming to Faith since the pandemic. She serves as Secretary on the church council and is always ready to bring a meal when someone in the church is sick.

Thank you, Ginger Dunn, Logan, and Ryleigh and God bless!

**Sermon Notes:**

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| **Serving This Week** |
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| **O.T. Reader:** Larry Chmiel | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **Epistle Reader:** N/A | Melissa Steinbrueck |
| **Acolyte:** Jakob Torgrimson | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | Kaylee Steinbrueck |
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| **Serving Next Week** |
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| **O.T. Reader:** Josh Strasheim | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **Epistle Reader:** Vanessa Frost | Melissa Steinbrueck |
| **Acolyte:** Griffin Frost | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | Emily Shuck |

**Upcoming Events**

**Today, After the Service – “God Squad” Youth Group**
Faith Lutheran Church

**Apr 16, 7 PM Council Meeting**
Ginger Dunn’s Home

**Apr 21, After the Service – Confirmation**
Faith Lutheran Church

**Apr 23, 7 PM – Growth Group Bible Study**
Renee Martin’s Home

**Apr 28, After the Service – Voter Meeting**
Faith Lutheran Church

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