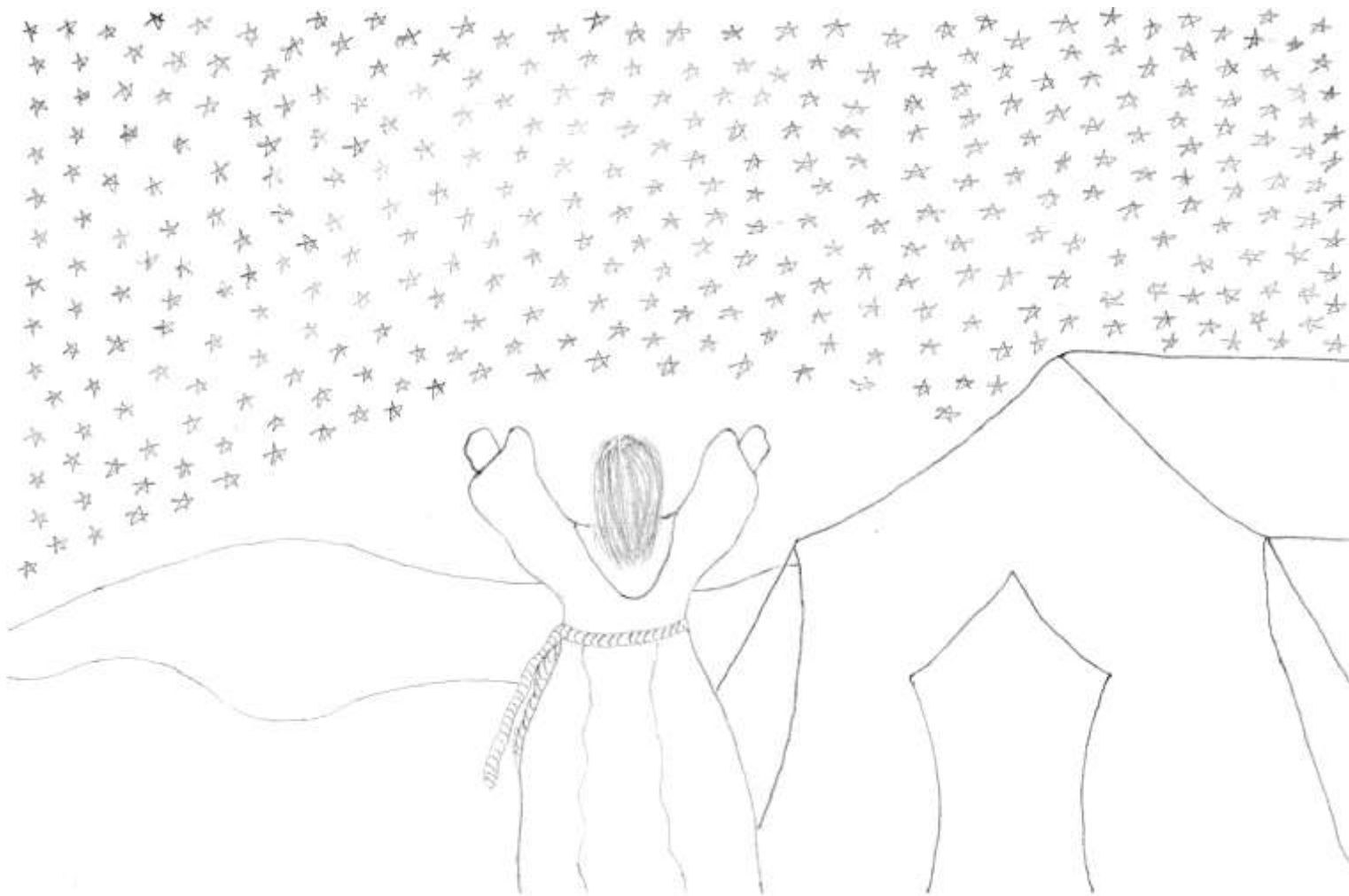


FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Swanton, Ohio



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Faith Lutheran Bell Choir

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

George J. Webb

Arranged by Susan Berry & Janet Van Valey

Confession and Forgiveness of Sin

The pastor invites the congregation into a time of confession, with silence for reflection. The pastor reminds the congregation of God’s forgiveness, mercy, and peace for our hurting world.

P: Let us quiet our minds and open our hearts for confession:

A time of silence.

P: O God, we come before you to acknowledge that we have fallen short of your glory. We haven’t loved you with our whole heart, we haven’t loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have taken your beautiful creation and twisted it for our own selfish purposes. We ask for your forgiveness.

C: We’ve fallen short, God, forgive us.

P: In this time of silence we pour out our hearts to you, O God, knowing that you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear us and forgive us.

A time of silence.

P: Hear the Good News. God doesn’t treat us as our sins deserve, or pay us back in full for our wrongs. As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is God’s love to those who fear him. As far as sunrise is from sunset, God has separated us from our sins. Sisters and Brothers: your sins are forgiven, and you have life in the name of Jesus, be at peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Psalm 27:1-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: ²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

C: ⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C: ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: ⁸My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

P: Loving God, you promised that Abraham would have a huge family that included as many people as there are stars in the sky. Thank you for making us a part of that family because of your son, Jesus. Help us to invite more and more people to become a part of your family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and as we sing.

God's Promise to Abraham

Intro to the Text

God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham trusts God's promise and lives by faith in God, which makes him righteous. We believe that those who live by faith are children of Abraham and blessed like him. (see Galatians 2:6-9)

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

² But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." ³ He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

⁴ The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." ⁵ Then the Lord brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." ⁶ Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

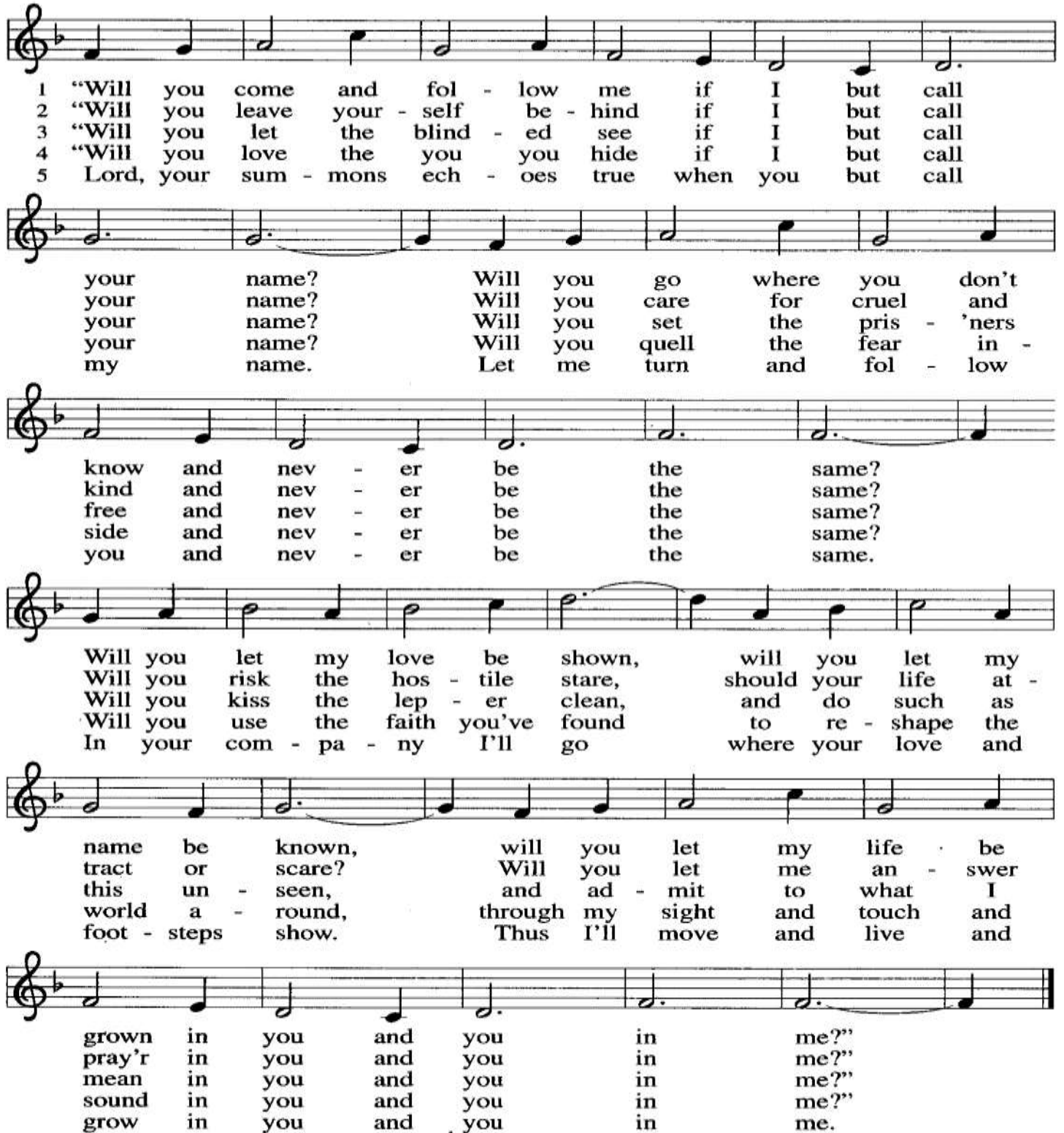
The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pr. Ed Strietelmeier

Hymn of the Day

ELW 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me?*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for the cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: Scottish traditional
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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

P: Lord in your mercy... C: Hear our prayer.

"Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace."

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

Said by the Presiding Minister

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg. 173

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Said by the Presiding Minister

The Lord's Prayer

Said by all.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God, for the people of God. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

ELW pg. 174

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Song During Communion

ELW 496 "One Bread, One Body"



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



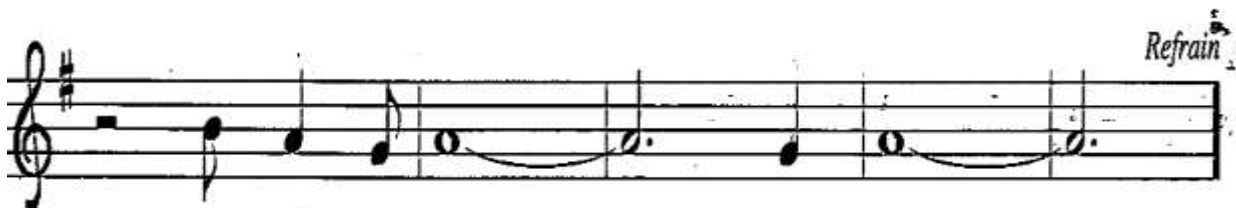
bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat-tered	and grown,



wom-an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath-ered	to one	for	all.

SENDING

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and as we sing.

Blessing

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song ELW 860 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

JESUS LIFTED ME
Irregular

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, be the church.

C: Thanks be to God.

NOISY BUCKETS!!

**CHECK OUT THE BUCKET HANGING BY OUR OUTSIDE
WORSHIP ENTRANCE!!**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BUILDING FUND!!

BULLETIN COVER ARTWORK NEEDED!!!

If you would like to create bulletin covers for the coming church year please email
the church office and let us know.

office@faithswanton.com

OR

**SIGN UP ON THE CLIPBOARD AT OUR
WORSHIP SPACE ENTRANCE**

**Please consider helping with this,
it is a very special part of our worship.**

ALL AGES OF ARTISTS ARE NEEDED!!!!