

SEPTEMBER 20 ORDER OF SERVICE

I. Prelude (Josh)

II. Welcome (Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00.
- Healing Circle on Tuesday at 2:00
- Stonewall Pride 2020's Interfaith Service of Visibility Service at Faith Lutheran's FB page at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Service will be on the page permanently if you can't make it "live."
- No Bible study on Thursday – Jesse on Vacation
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday, September 27
- Worship, 10:00 next Sunday, September 27.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #288 “O God of Vision”

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming;
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew, life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.

Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision.
Speak through the dark. Dispel by lightning's bright spark
whatever clouds dim our vision.

Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken
Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call,
Offering our lives as the token.

IV. Call to Worship –

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.
Lord, come into our hearts this day.
Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.
Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.
Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.
Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.

V. "The Joys of Life" by James Edward Lee, Sr. - A Poem Inspired by the story of Israel receiving manna in the wilderness

*I have tasted the joys of life as I smell the heartbreak of defeat I
hear the voices of the chosen I taste the bitter-sweetness of manna
I see the glories that surrounds me This I tasted These smells I
smell Voices I hear all tell See scenes I hear I smell I taste The joys
of life*

VII. Exodus 14:19-31 NRSV -

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord

gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but” against the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

VIII. Sermon - “Bread in the Wilderness” (Pastor Jesse Kearns)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #452 “Here I Am, Lord”

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who well in deepest sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

XI. Communion Song CP#161 “Here Is Bread”

Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us. He is with us.
Bread the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace; feast on Jesus here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us. He is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Glenn Story, Georgeanne Bennett)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse)

XIV. Postlude - Josh

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.