ORGAN DEDICATION

Faith Lutheran Church
Carthage, Missouri + Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church! We are happy and honored to have you with us as we worship our risen Lord! If you are visiting, take a moment to sign our guest book or a guest card in the pew. If you have any questions ask an usher to assist you. Introduce yourself to the pastor, and feel free to call on him. He is willing to be of help in any way consistent with his office.

Prayer Upon Entering Church – O Triune God. Holy, Holy Holy are You. We thank you for the privilege of gathering together as your children to encourage one another, and all the more as we see “the Day” approaching. Help us always to worship You in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

The Order of Service:

RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME
INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

ENTRANCE PSALM

C: It is fitting for the upright to praise him.

The Holy Trinity  +  June 3, 2012
M: For the word of the Lord is right and true; C: He is faithful in all he does. M: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; C: The earth is full of his unfailing love.

PRAYER
M: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation’s new song. Your Spirit is the breath of such music. Alleluia! We praise you for giving us this pipe organ, which we dedicate to your glory alone. Sanctify the art which awakens its harmonies in leading us to worship you. Be with your servants who will use this beautiful instrument to make music for your people as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together in this church, set apart for the worship of the almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. We now also set apart this pipe organ for the worship, honor, praise, and glory of God and for the edification of his holy people.

C: We, the members of Faith Lutheran Church, dedicate this organ to the service of the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Let its sounds now be heard!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF DEDICATION “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELH 65

THE WORD ISAIAH 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

GRADUAL HYMN “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!” ELH 6, v.1
Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

GRADUAL HYMN

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!”

ELH 6, v.2

STAND

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:16–20

M:  The gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
C: ♩ Glory be to you, O Lord.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

M:  This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: ♩ Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Hymnal, Pages 29-30

It is traditional in the Christian Church to make use of the Athanasian Creed each year on Trinity Sunday. This creed was written to combat the errors of the “Arian” heretics, who denied that Jesus was true God from eternity, and that God reveals himself in the Bible as One God in three Persons.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

ELH 404
“Worship with the Angels”

OFFERING  
following the offering, please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M:  Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all Your goodness. We bless You for the love with which You created us and by which You sustain us from day to day.

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
   Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
   Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
   Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
   Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
   Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
   Which wert and art and evermore shall be.  
   (ELH 15:1-2)

M:  We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through Whom You have made known Your will and grace. You made Him who had no sin to be sin for us. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

C: ♪ What language shall I borrow to thank You, dearest Friend,
   For this, Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
   Oh, make me Yours forever, and keep me strong and true;
   Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for You.  
   (ELH 335:6)

M:  We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service:

C: ♪ O Holy Spirit, enter in and in our hearts your work begin,
   Your dwelling place now make us.
   Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine,
   To joy and gladness wake us
   That we may be truly living, to you giving prayer unceasing
   And in love be still increasing.  
   (ELH 27:1)

M:  Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with Your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite Your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to You, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all. Give Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in your Church that, by their faithful service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase:
C: ♪ In these last days of sore distress grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent, Your holy Word and sacrament.  
(ELH 511:2)

M: Send the light of your truth into all the earth. Give us zeal to share your saving Word with
those who are near us, and with those who are far away. Raise up faithful servants of Christ
to labor in the gospel both at home and in distant lands:

C: ♪ Lord of the living harvest that ripens o’er the plain,
Where angels soon will gather their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept our hands to labor, our hearts to trust and love,
And be with us to hasten your kingdom from above.  
(CW 559:1)

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead peaceable lives of integrity.
Grant wisdom to all who bear office in our land, and all those who make, administer, and
judge our laws, and help them serve all citizens according to Your holy will:

C: ♪ God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save By Thy great might.  
(ELH 602:1)

M: Sanctify our homes with Your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their
baptisms, and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion. By the spirit
of affection and service, unite the members of all families, that they may show Your praise
in our land and in all the world:

(CW 500:1)

C: ♪ For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray, That you might dwell with us each day.
Make ours a place where you are Lord, Where all is governed by your Word.

M: Let Your blessing rest on the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure
and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose
work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task:

C: ♪ Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev’ry joy, let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.  
(CW 612:1)

M: Comfort with the grace of Your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or
adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to
whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant
a measure of Your love, taking them into your tender care:

C: ♪ When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come alluring,  
(ELH 587:3)
Make us patient and enduring; show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on
earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring
us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom:

C: ♪ Oh, sweet and blessed country, the home of God’s elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their Leader have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.  
(CWS 728:2)
Special petitions may be offered

M: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever:

C: ♩ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, (ELH 15:3-4)
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see:
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in po’wr, in love and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

BE SEATED

THE SERMON HYMN “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” ELH 380

STAND

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

M: We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♩ Amen.

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M: The Lord Bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26


ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!” ELH 6, v. 4

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Please return for the Festival of Hymns Dedication Concert at 3 PM.
(You may also stay at the church. There will be video entertainment in the fellowship hall.)
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