



Women of Faith

South Central District Convention
Calvary Luth. Church – Dallas, TX
June 4-5, 2018

OPENING SERVICE

Sarah: By faith, countless descendants

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

M: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

C: **and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

HYMN

“Before You, God, the Judge of All” (CW#306)

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

“All Glory Be to God on High” (CW#263)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray:

Lord God, we praise you for making us a new creation and uniting our hearts and our minds with the message of your love. Bless that message, that it may transform us even more into the likeness of your Son. And bless that message as we share it, that many more may join us in your family, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith, God made Abraham and Sarah the father and mother of countless descendants.

PSALM 31

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
 not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

(Spoken) C: In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
 deliver me in your righteousness.
 Be my rock of refuge,
 a strong fortress to save me.
 Into your hands I commit my spirit;
 redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

C: I trust in you, O LORD;
 I say, 'You are my God.'
 My times are in your hands;
 save me in your unfailing love.
 How great is your goodness,
 which you have stored up for those who fear you.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman shows herself to be a spiritual child of Abraham and Sarah by her faith.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink" (CW#405)

SERMON

Genesis 18:1-15

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way —now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh."

But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

PLEASE STAND

HYMN

"We All Believe in One True God" (CW#270)

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OFFERING

PLEASE STAND

PRAYERS

M: Gracious Lord, you have redeemed us with the blood of your Son, brought us to faith by the work of your Spirit, and promised to keep us in faith through your Word and sacraments. Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings.

C: **Help us to rejoice in them and use them faithfully.**

M: Gracious Lord, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity, in which the message of reconciliation through your Son is still the central teaching, and in which the focus of mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. For this gift of your grace, we give you thanks.

C: Rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us.

M: Gracious Lord, you have given us many opportunities to show forth your praises. Help us as individuals, as congregations, and as a synod to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify you. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short of living and working together as your holy people.

C: Strengthen us and help us to make the most of every opportunity.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: As we begin our district convention, bless us. Give us wisdom and unity of spirit. Guide us as we study your word and make decisions in your name so that your kingdom may come and your will be done.

C: Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HYMN

“Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old” (CW#267)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (CW#268)

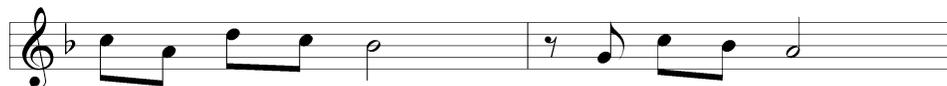
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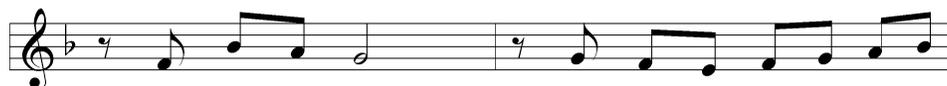
“What is This Bread?” (CWS#742)



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom -	ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pre -	sent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	his



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"This is the Threefold Truth" (CW#406)

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EVENING DEVOTION

Rahab: By faith, shown mercy

RESPONSES

Selected Psalm Verses

M: LORD, you are the God who saves me;

C: day and night I cry out to you.

M: The day is yours, and yours also the night;

C: you established the sun and the moon.

M: I rise before dawn and cry for help;

C: I have put my hope in your word.

M: My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,

C: that I may meditate on your promises.

M: By day the LORD directs his love,

C: at night his song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life.

PRAYER

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our song of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

MEDITATION

Joshua 2:1-21

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: May God the Father grant rest to our bodies this night just as he has granted rest to our souls in his Son, that we may wake refreshed to serve him in all we say, think, and do.

C: Amen.



1 By faith we see the hand of God in the
 2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
 4 By faith the church was called to go in the
 5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
 pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts, of a
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we



lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight. *to stanza 2*
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *to refrain*
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. *to stanza 4*
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *to refrain*
 for all who call up - on his name. *to refrain*



Refrain
 We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise; We will



fix our eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is



fin - ished and the work is done, we'll walk by



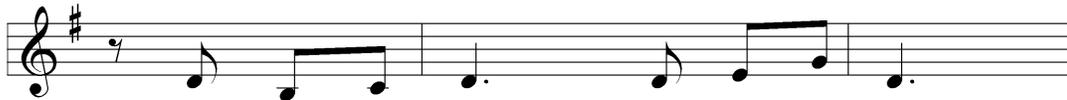
faith and not by sight.

MORNING DEVOTION

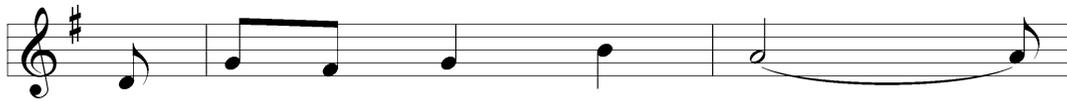
Esther: By faith, God's instrument

HYMN

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (CWS#756)



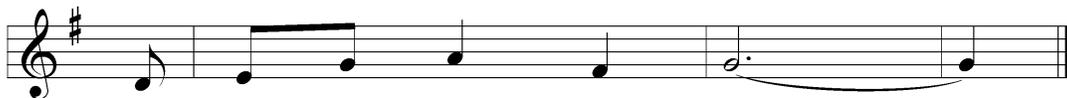
1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch his hands and side
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear
Nor fol - low where he trod,
And may our faith a - bound
Are found in means di - vine:
In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But in his prom - ise we re - jice
To call on you when you are near
Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,
We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.
And cry, "My Lord and God!"
And seek where you are found.
Be - neath the bread and wine.
With full and end - less sight.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: We pray:

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore you to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that all our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to you.

C: Amen.

MEDITATION

Esther 4:1-17

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BLESSING

M: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us that which is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING DEVOTION

Hannah: By faith, prayers answered

RESPONSES

Psalm 139:7-10

M: Where can I go from your Spirit?

C: Where can I flee from your presence?

M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

C: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

M: If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

C: if I settle on the far side of the sea,

M: even there your hand will guide me,

C: your right hand will hold me fast.

M: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

C: and the light become night around me,"

M: even the darkness will not be dark to you;

C: the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

MEDITATION

1 Samuel 1:1-28

PRAYER

M: Gracious God, we give you thanks for these past days, especially for the labor we were permitted to offer in service to you and to others. As this day quickly passes, we commit ourselves to your care. Into your mighty hands we entrust our work, our rest, and the road ahead. To all these ways we confidently go, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: May Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

HYMN

"I Know My Faith is Founded" (CW#403)