

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

Greetings and Welcome

Monologue: "A Confession from God" – Patty Nelson

Call to Worship – "Build Your Kingdom Here" (piano)

1. **Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.**
2. **We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst.
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.**

*Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Be our heart's desire. Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*
3. **Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. *Chorus***

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: From the beginning of time God made covenants with God's people - promises that create relationships filled with expectation. We expect that the one who makes the covenant will be faithful and follow through on their promise. God has done this time and time again. God expects that we will follow God and live in the covenant God made with us. We fall short time and time again. Let's take a moment to confess our sin, express our desire to start anew, and ask for God's forgiveness and strength.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen**

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Hymn of Praise – “Father, I Adore You”

(piano)

**Father, I adore you. Lay my life before you. How I love you.
Jesus, I adore you. Lay my life before you. How I love you.
Spirit, I adore you. Lay my life before you. How I love you.**

Children's Sermon: “The Ten Commandments”

First Reading: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 Reader: Carol VanderKloot

³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

²⁰Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17*

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song— “Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am” ELW 814 (organ)

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Sermon – “Colors of the Covenant – Blue Brings New Beginnings”

Song of the Day – “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW 705, vv. 1, 3, & 4 (organ)

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r;
Crown your ancient Church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**
- 3. Cure your children’s waring madness; bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.**
- 4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

**The Apostles’ Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**Prayers*

Stewardship Time

"Simple Gifts: a Shaker Tune"
arranged by Wilbur Held, adapted by Rudy Zuiderveld
Sharon Zuiderveld, organ

**Great Thanksgiving*

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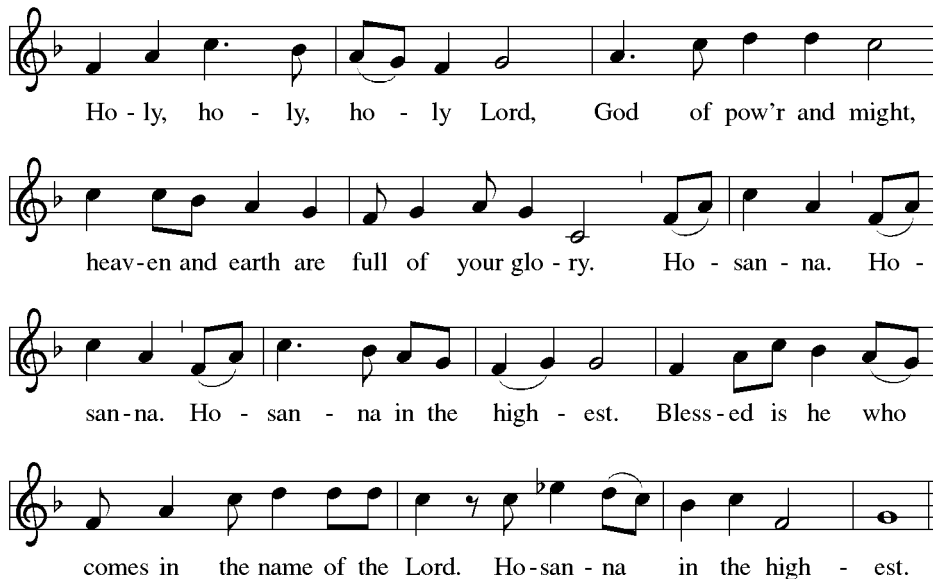
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs:

“Welcome Table” (ACS 969) (piano)

1. I’m a-goin’ a eat at the welcome table,
I’m a-goin’ a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
I’m a-goin’ a eat at the welcome table,
I’m a-goin’ a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
2. I’m a-goin’ a feast on milk and honey,
I’m a-goin’ a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
I’m a-goin’ a feast on milk and honey,
I’m a-goin’ a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
3. I’m a-goin’ a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river,
I’m a-goin’ a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river, some of these days.
I’m a-goin’ a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river,
I’m a-goin’ a wade ‘cross Jordan’s river, some of these days.

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471 (organ)

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

**Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “Carry the Light”*

(piano)

**1. In this world of darkness we are given light,
Hope for all the dying. How will they know?**

How will they know that Jesus loves them, And He died to save them?

Refrain: Carry the Light, carry the Light.

Go and tell the children they are precious in His sight.

Carry the Light, carry the Light. Go and preach the gospel 'til there is no more night.

In the name of Jesus Christ, carry the Light;

(2nd time) the Light. Carry the Light.

**2. Count them by the millions, blinded slaves to sin.
Inside they are dying. How will they know?**

How will they know that Jesus loves them, And His heart is breaking? *Refrain*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Char Hubbard

Greeter: Lillian Korous

Reader: Carol VanderKloot

Usher: Char & Paul Hubbard

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sharon Zuiderveld

Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Ken Devlin

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: Carry Out Soup Lunch



Singers:

Marilyn Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Melissa Street
Kelly Hartz	Nichole Licht	Carol VanderKloot
Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	

Church Council Members:

Barb Davenport	Kelly Hartz	Kelly Street
Ken Devlin	Mike Oldenettel	Lisa Taylor
Naomi Hahn	Karen Sibert	

The altar plants are given today by Connie & Gary Braner
in memory of Ila Mae Downs' birthday

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News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 9, 10:30am: Sunday School

10:30-1:00: Carry-Out Soup Lunch

Monday, October 10, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 12, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

12-1pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

Sunday, October 16, 10:30am: Sunday School

Monday, October 17, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 19, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

12-1pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

6pm: Women's Fellowship Craft Night in the Great Room

Thursday, October 20, 6pm: Council Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style – TODAY

Remember to stop in at the Carry-Out Soup Lunch counter in the gathering area to buy lunch to take home! \$8.00 includes a cup of cold soup, a dessert, a piece of cornbread, and crackers. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10am on WEDNESDAY, October 19, in the Faith Library as we continue our study series about Jesus and nature. This month, we'll explore our relationships with soil as part of God's creation. Please join us for some wonderful fellowship and Bible study. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Music Rehearsals

Exaltation Ringers meet on Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm, and **Chancel Choir** meets on Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm. (We will NOT meet this coming Thursday, October 13, though.) We would love to have you join us - if you're interested in either of these groups, please contact me at jrwelch53@msn.com or 217/652-7009. The choirs offer so much - not only do they add glorious praise to God during the worship services, but the fellowship between the members is also a gift. Hope you will join us!! *Jean Welch*, Director of Music

Connecting to God Retreat — An Introduction to Spiritual Practices

On Saturday, October 29th, Pastor Glen VanderKloot will lead a half-day experiential retreat on Spiritual Practices at Faith, open to anyone middle school to 99. Pastor Glen will not only introduce and model these practices, but you will also try them out. You can bring a friend, as long as you register them.

The retreat will be from 10:00-2:00, and lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Glen at 217-816-6981 or email at pastor@faithlutheran.com. Pastor Glen recently received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in Spiritual Practices from the Claremont School of Theology.

Please pre-register so we can have adequate supplies and food for lunch. **Sign up** on the registration sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.

All Saints Sunday November 6

On All Saints Sunday we will remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year. If you would like the name of your loved one shared, please submit it to the church office **by Friday, November 4.**

Nursery Attendants needed

We would like to start having Nursery Attendants available for our 9:30am Sunday morning services again. Is anyone interested in helping (18 years old and up)? We would ask that you be available by 9:20am in case parents bring their children early, and then you would stay until they come back to pick them up. Please sign up in the binder on the podium by the east doors.

Doorbell Dinners October 31 – November 4

Help us deliver meals in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair-Trade coffee sales.

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea: Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **New Item: \$5.50** coffee pods). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

Maintenance Ministry

Do you like small fixup projects? Let us know! Contact the church office for a list of small projects and leave your name so we can organize a maintenance day.

Synod Faith Formation and Prayer Group Opportunities

Our synod is offering some new opportunities to grow in your faith and reach out to the unchurched in our communities. Wanting to dig deeper into your understanding of the Bible? Consider taking the “Understanding the New Testament” course. Six sessions on Saturdays starting September 3 with Bishop John Roth. Consider joining the synod Zoom book group that reads “Deep Roots, Wild Branches” by Michael Adam Beck to stir your imagination about where the Spirit may be leading us. Or join us in prayer on the first Friday of each month on Zoom as we pray for the people and places engaged in starting new ministries and outreach. Visit www.csis-elca.org for more information.

Jacksonville Symphony Chorale

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorale is holding rehearsals for their Christmas concert on **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the McGaw Fine Arts Building (room 124) on the Illinois College campus. They are blessed to again have the JHS choir joining them under the direction of Stephanie Soltermann! If you would like to sing with the chorale, contact Terri Benz (217-370-2472), or just show up at the rehearsal.

Help us fill the Foster Care Closet

The majority of the children who come into foster care arrive with little to nothing. Together, we provide a sense of worth, excitement, and can ease the process of entering foster care. The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is pairing with Central Christian Church to supply children entering foster care with much-needed items. Together, we can do great things! Needed items include:

Walmart Gift Cards	Children's toothpaste	Underwear (all sizes)
Deodorant	Children's toothbrushes	Laundry baskets
Hair brushes	Children's shampoo	Hampers
Socks (all sizes)	Children's body wash	

Please place your donations in the blue box (located in the coat closet) **by Oct. 30, 2022.**

Eastern Europe Crisis Response -- Ukraine

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation;** make check out to Faith with "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" in the memo line.