

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Faith Singers – “Shout to the North,” arr. Tomlin

Call to Worship – “Now Is the Time” (piano)

Refrain: Come to us, you who say, “I will not forget you.”

Be with us, you who say, “Do not be afraid.”

Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.

Make us you own, now is the time.

1. **Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred. Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.**
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain
2. **Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger. Spirit of life, break the chains of death.**
Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain
3. **Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting. Spirit of truth, save us from our lies.**
Spirit of God, walk among your people.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain

**Confession and Forgiveness*

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

C: Amen

P: In 1 Peter, we hear that God is building us into a spiritual house - a house filled with diversity where all are claimed and called by God to love and serve one another. At the same time, we live as an earthly house which has been fractured by sin and forces all to fight for survival. Our selfishness and fear of others fosters this harmful environment, pushing others away from us and from God. Let us confess to God the ways that we contribute to this brokenness, and then ask for forgiveness so that we would be living stones to help make God's spiritual house a reality in our midst.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: God has heard your confession and loves you with a life-giving love. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 – “God of Grace, and God of Glory” LBW 415, vv. 1-3 (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.**
- 2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**
- 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.**

Children's Sermon: "Cast Your Burdens"

First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-14

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

¹Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ²to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

‘God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.’

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹²Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 20:25-28

²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

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

Song— “Have No Fear, Little Flock” LBW 476

(organ)

1. **Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**
2. **Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**
3. **Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!**
4. **Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!**

Sermon – “1 Peter for TODAY”

Song of the Day – “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.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray! *Chorus***

**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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” by JS Bach

Jean Welch, pianist

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

**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.**

“Day by Day” WOV 746

(organ)

- 1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heavenly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

2. **Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.**
3. **Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.**

**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 – “Your Grace Is Enough”*

(piano)

1. **Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob;
you wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.**

You lead me by still waters into mercy where nothing can keep us apart.

*Refrain: So remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.
For your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough,
your grace is enough for me.*

2. **Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry, and all your people sing along.** *Refrain
twice*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Char Hubbard

Greeter: Lillian Korous

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

Ushers: Char & Paul Hubbard

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Musician: Jean Welch

Drummer: Sam Roth

Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Kelly Hartz

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: Martha Krohe

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 Gayla Smith in honor of her birthday
and by Vicki Robson in honor of her 48th anniversary

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News Updates

What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 4, 12 noon: Lunch in the Great Room
1:15pm: Cards vs. Cubs Game in the Great Room

Wednesday, September 7, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, September 8, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 11, 10:30am: Sunday School Rally Day
5:30-9pm: Confirmation/Youth Event

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

Wednesday, September 14, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, September 15, 6pm: Church Council Meeting
6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, and to Donate Flowers. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Cards vs. Cubs at Faith TODAY!

Join us to watch the Cards vs. Cubs game in the Great Room at Faith! We'll have hot dogs, brats, popcorn, and drinks **available at noon. Game time is 1:15pm.** As an added friendly competition (and fundraiser for our youth), we're collecting loose change in a jug for each team. Whichever team has the most donated is the team Pastor Adam has to cheer for on the 4th. Will he get to remain a life-long Cardinal fan, or will he have to don Cubbie blue for a day? It's up to you!

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 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

Rally Day... Bake Sale... Sunday School... and Confirmation

On Sunday, September 11, we will kick off Sunday School with a Rally Day bake sale sponsored by our children. Proceeds will go to support our Sunday School programs. After the bake sale, elementary school aged children will meet in the sanctuary for some music, then head to two classes for pre-K and grades 1-4. Youth are invited to their class in the basement with Drew Snodgrass. Adults are invited to participate with Pastor Adam in "Dwelling in the Word" in the sanctuary after the children's songs (or earlier if you want to sing along!). That evening, we will have our first Confirmation class of the season beginning at 5:30 with a meal.

Doorbell Dinners September 12-16

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

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.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

A summer staple for our Faith Family has been our outdoor worship service. The fresh air, breeze blowing through the trees, and barking dogs provide a beautiful sanctuary. When faced with the decision for our summer worship schedule, the Parish Worship Committee and Council agreed that we value one Sunday morning service where we can nurture relationships together... but we still want to worship outside! There will be one more Sunday morning service outside on **September 25**. To better accommodate all, there will be seating and communion stations on the grass, on the parking lot, and indoors (with worship visible through windows), as well as being live streamed. Following the service, we are providing a cookout picnic and time for games and activities for all. Our hope is that this will not only be a time of vibrant worship and blessing to our Faith Family, but also to others, so please invite a friend and join us for these wonderful times together!

Get Ready for Soup Luncheon 2.0 - Carry-Out Style

Our annual Soup Luncheon will return this year with a different format. Instead of a sit-down meal, we will be offering carry-out soups and desserts on **Sunday, October 9, from 10:30am - 1:00pm**. While some of the jobs needed for a sit-down meal will not be necessary, we still need your help! On Sunday, September 11, we will have signup sheets available for a variety of ways you can volunteer from providing soups/desserts to helping in the building. We will also begin handing out tickets for you to purchase or sell to your family and friends. It has been three years since our last luncheon... even though this one will be different, let's work together to serve our community and share some delicious Lutheran Love! If you have any tray-type cardboard boxes or small cardboard boxes to donate, please bring them to church to make carrying food out easier. Thanks!

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.

Women of the ELCA Convention

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA will hold its Biennial Convention on September 9-10 at Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield. Women do not have to be in a WELCA circle to participate; just be a woman in an ELCA congregation! Please see an information packet on the counter at Faith by the Fair Trade Coffee Sales which includes the registration form. **Women can register as late as September 6th**, not August 29th. We have not met since 2019 in person because of COVID and are looking

forward to seeing everyone. Thank you for your help! God's peace,

Jean Scherer, President

Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA — j.d.scherer2@gmail.com

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.

Eastern Europe Crisis Response

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea, and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Hundreds of thousands of civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and neighboring countries. 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 designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation**, or pick up a form in the gathering area (by the coffee sales) to send your gift to the ELCA/Lutheran Disaster Response.