

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

Greetings and Welcome

Dialogue: “David, Bathsheba, Nathan, and Us” – Pastor Adam and Terri Kimler

Call to Worship – “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” ELW 358, vv. 1, 2, 5 (organ)

- 1 **Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.**
- 2 **We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.**
- 5 **Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.**

**Confession and Forgiveness*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless when you pass judgement.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Receiving God's Forgiveness*

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 – “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

Children's Sermon: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Song— “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (piano)

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.**

Sermon – “Colors of the Covenant – Violet is for Vision”

Song of the Day – "By Grace We Have Been Saved" (ACS 1006) (organ)

*Refrain: **By grace we have been saved—saved by grace through faith, not because of what we do; it is the gift of God.***

1 **On the days when you are weak, on the days when you are strong, rich or poor, young or old, just listen to the song. *Refrain***

2 **Rest your body, rest your mind, in the stillness you will find you're a lovely, precious child, part of the great design. *Refrain***

3 **You don't need to be afraid. You will never be alone. There is mercy, there is hope, and love will take you home. *Refrain***

Baptism — Hailey Lynn Forbes

Presentation

All gather at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Godparents: **We present Hailey Lynn Forbes for baptism.***

Presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **We do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the Holy Scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

Presiding minister addresses Godparents:

Dan and Stacey, do you promise to nurture Hailey in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

Presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Hailey and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

Water is poured into the font...

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Hailey, I baptize you in the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Hailey with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Hailey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ, into this Faith Family, and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world!

**Prayers*

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts

**Great Thanksgiving*

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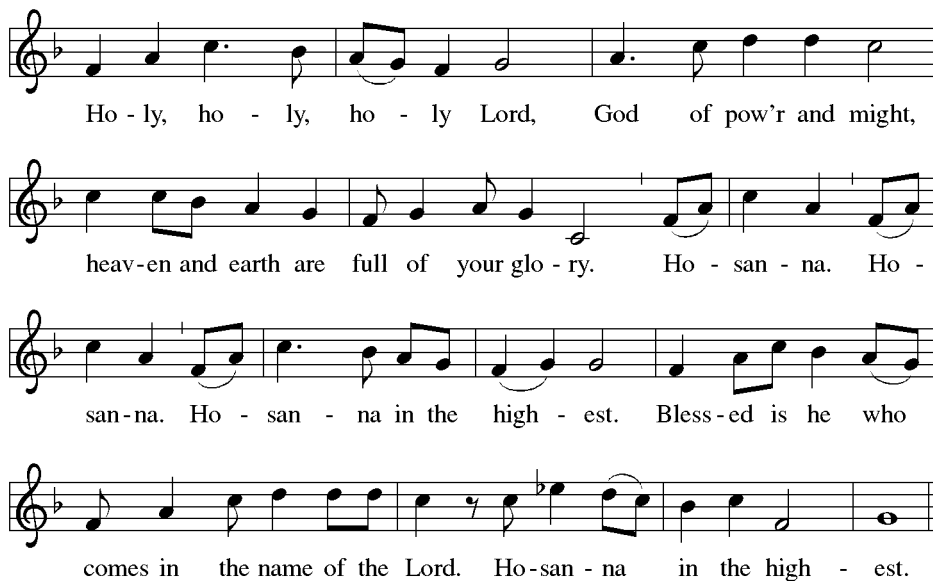
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

“Spirit of the Living God”

(piano)

**Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ELW 623 *(organ)*

- 1 **Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**
- 2 **Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**
- 3 **Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 **While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

**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 – “We Are Called” ELW 720

(organ)

**1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

**2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

Refrain

**3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.**

Refrain

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Ken Devlin

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: Terri Kimler

Usher: Doris Robinson

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Lisa Taylor

Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe

Coffee Host: Terri Kimler



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 the Roth family
in celebration of Lily's 5th birthday on October 25

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News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 23, 10:30am: Pastor's 10th Anniversary Celebration & Sunday School
5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Monday, October 24, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, October 26, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
12-1pm & 6-7pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

Thursday, October 27, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 29, 10am-2pm: "Connecting to God Retreat" (*see para. on next page*)

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

Monday, October 31, 11am: Doorbell Dinners
12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Tuesday, November 1, 11am: Doorbell Dinners

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Wednesday, November 2, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
11am: Doorbell Dinners
12-1pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

Thursday, November 3, 11am: Doorbell Dinners
5pm: Parish Worship Meeting
6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 4, 11am: Doorbell Dinners
Saturday, November 5, 9am: Men's Breakfast

Celebrating Pastor Adam's 10th Anniversary at Faith

Please join us today as we celebrate Pastor Adam's 10th anniversary at Faith with cake and coffee after the service. Cards are welcome. Highlights of those years may appear on TV screens in the gathering area. See if you or your loved ones appear!

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.

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.

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.**

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

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.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10am on Wednesday, November 16, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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.

Community Thanksgiving Service Choir

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches invites all singers to participate in the Community Service of Thanksgiving Choir on Sunday, November 13. The choir will be under the direction of Terri Benz and will rehearse on Sunday, October 30 and November 6 at 2:00pm and on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00am. All rehearsals will be at Centenary United Methodist Church. Feel free to contact Terri with questions at 217-370-2472. The service on November 13 will be held at 2:00pm at Centenary UMC and will include a tribute to veterans and a Thanksgiving meditation.

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.