

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

Youth Sunday

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude: "Canon in D / All in All," arr. Marilyn Dichsen

Marilyn Dichsen

**Call to Worship – "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those,

Who gladly trust you now. Refrain

**Confession and Forgiveness*

L: We stand before God to confess our sin.

Silence

L: 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

L: God has heard your confession and loves you with a life-giving love. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May almighty God strengthen you with the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts.

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 – “Bless the Lord”

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.*

1. **Remember the kindness of our God,
who showers us with blessing all our days.** *Refrain*
2. **Remember the justice of our God,
who stands with those forgotten and confused.** *Refrain*
3. **Remember the healing love of God,
who calls us to be whole and to be free.** *Refrain*

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Micah 6:6-8 Reader: Adam Krohe

⁶ ‘With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?’

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**Gospel Reading*: Matthew 9:13

¹³Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

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

Song – “Offertory”, arr. Courtney

Kelly Hartz, Soloist

Sermon – “What does the Lord require of you?”

Song of the Day – “Build Your Kingdom Here”

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

Stewardship Appeal Video

“Living Stones”

**1. Jesus Christ is our Cornerstone. He's the Rock; He's the solid foundation.
We are building on Jesus alone, building up as the people of God.**

**2. Each of us is a living stone, precious stones in the building of Jesus.
In this house we don't stand all alone; we are one. We're the people of God.**

*Refrain: Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.*

*Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation ... of Christ.*

**3. Jesus, You are our Cornerstone. You're the Rock; You're the solid foundation.
We are building on Your love alone. Build us up as the people of God.**

**4. Each of us is a living stone. We're alive in the love of Jesus.
We are trusting in Jesus alone; we are His. We're the people of God.**

*Refrain: Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.*

*Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation,
building on the firm foundation, building on the firm foundation ... of Christ.*

**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:

“Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

3. **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
4. **Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

“This Is My Song” ELW 887

- 1 **This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**
- 2 **My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**
- 3 **This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

**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 – “Do Lord”*

Refrain: Do, Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me!

Do, Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me!

Do, Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me! Look away beyond the blue.

**You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!
You're the stronghold of my life, by You all things were made.**

**Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,
For I move in the strength of the Lord. *Refrain***

**Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!
Even though a war surrounds me, You are always near.
One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure
Is to live in the house of the Lord. *Refrain***

**You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife;
You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night,
So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. *Refrain***

**Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, till our race is won
We can live in the light of the Lord. *Refrain***

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Thank you to our Youth for helping lead worship today:
Adam & Mason, Kellon & Beckham, Ella, Josie, & Eli,
Marilyn, Benen, Rigby, & Louis

Communion Assistant: Marilyn Dichsen
Greeter: Youth
Reader: Adam Krohe
Usher: Youth
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Drummer: John Demien
Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Kelly Hartz
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw
Coffee Hosts: Terri Kimler & Marilyn Dichsen



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 Helen Cumby
in loving memory of Bill's birthday

Song Credits

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News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 13, 10:30am: Sunday School

5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Monday, November 14, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Tuesday, November 15, 6pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in the Library

Wednesday, November 16, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10am: Discipleship Group in the Library

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

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

Thursday, November 17, 6pm: Council Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 20, 10:30am: Sunday School

Monday, November 21, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, November 23, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, November 24: **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Youth Sunday today

Our youth remind us that they are capable and called to lead in a variety of ways. Come and support their efforts and hear about our 2023 goal to grow our youth ministry.

Fall Stewardship Appeal: *Building on the Firm Foundation of Christ*

On Sunday, November 6, we kicked off our annual stewardship appeal. You should have received a letter in the mail outlining our goals for 2023 along with an invitation to generously support our shared ministry. Please prayerfully consider your financial gift and how you can help us achieve these goals. On **November 20**, we will receive our commitments and celebrate the work of God among and through us. If you did not receive a letter, there are some available on the Coffee Sales counter in the gathering area.

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 God's creatures. 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.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

November 30: "The Extension Chords" (*with Jean Welch*)

December 7: Tyler Carpenter on Marimba

December 14: Jacksonville High School Madrigals

December 21: Anna & Bethany Ferraro

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5.

We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup. If you would like to pitch in, **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales** or contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com).

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia to help decorate the church for Christmas, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area and drop your check (or cash), for \$15.00 made out to Faith Lutheran Church with a notation for *Poinsettia*, into the decorated box. Please indicate if the poinsettia is in honor or memory of someone special to you. **Please sign up by December 11.** After the Christmas Day service, please take your plant home to enjoy. Questions? Call Kris Roth (245-8919, Tuesday-Friday mornings).

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.

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. 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.

Community Thanksgiving Service Choir

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches invites everyone to the Community Thanksgiving Service today at 2:00pm at Centenary UMC; it 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.