

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Service
June 4, 2023

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord,” by David Evans

GATHERING

**Call to Worship and Confession*

P: “The heavens declare the glory of God;

C: The skies proclaim the work of God’s hands.” (Psalm 19:1)

P: “In the beginning, God laid the foundations of the earth,

C: And the heavens are the work of God’s hands.” (Psalm 102:25)

P: “O Lord, how manifold are your works!

C: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.”
(Psalm 104:24)

P: “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

C: For God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” (Psalm 24:1-2)

P: We praise God for the beauty of creation and the blessing of this day. At the same time, we see the brokenness and despair that are the result of sin. We repent of the ways that we have contributed to this brokenness in our lives and those around us.

C: “My help comes from the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:2)

Silence for Reflection and Confession

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. “Create in us clean hearts and renew our spirit.” (Psalm 51:10)

P: By the tender mercy and grace of God, your sins are forgiven. “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice:

C: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

P: Let the field exult, and everything in it.

C: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.”

(Psalm 96:11-12)

P: “This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

**Sharing of the 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.

Gathering Song – “Our God Is Here”

1. **Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. And we cry:**

*Refrain: “Holy! Holy! Holy are you!” We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.*

2. **Here in the Word, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one; our God is here. And we cry: *Refrain***

**And we cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy are you!” We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Great Is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true. By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice.
Great is the Lord, great is the Lord. *Repeat***

WORD

Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Reader: Kelly Hartz

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³For six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

P: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 11:28-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

Song: “Be Not Afraid”

**You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face God and live.**

*Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

**If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain***

Sermon

Song of the Day – “Ten Thousand Reasons” ACS 1097

Refrain: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul; worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your Holy name.

Final refrain: worship your Holy name, worship your Holy name.

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain***

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing --
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain***

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending --
ten thousand years and then forevermore! *Refrain***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

“Words for the Beginning of Your Christian Life”

(adapted from a poem by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Lukas Andrew, if we could give you words for the very beginning –
for this journey we make together,
for the celebrations and the sorrows,
we would say, “Oh, dear child, how you are loved.”
But the thing about love is that you can't stop there,
So, we would go on to say, “You are strong, stronger than you think.
And you are not alone – look at these parents who adore you,
Godparents who pray for you, and this congregation that surrounds you.
Know that you are enough, already enough.”

You haven't done anything yet.
You've just been here, breathing, sleeping, laughing, playing –
and already you are enough.

And then we might say, “This world is a mess, but it is our home, and you can make it better, so always try to make it better.”

And maybe most important of all:

“There is love that is bigger than our understanding, that moves through this world, and that love is called God.

That love is here, here in this room, and that love knows your name by heart.”

Those are the words we would say to you as you laugh and cry, stretch and splash in these waters on this day, the first day of your Christian life.

Let God be your foundation.

Let love be your beginning.

P: God is our foundation. Love is our beginning. And in God’s great love, we are given a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. By water and the Word, God frees 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. In the waters of baptism, God proclaims to us who we are. We are beloved children of God.

Presentation

Parents: We bring Lukas Andrew to this Christian community and to the waters of Holy Baptism.

P: Lukas, you are a beloved child of God and today you are given the name Christian. To help you grow into your name, your parents are called to make promises.

Dan and Kristina, as you bring Lukas to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he 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 him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Krystal and Jody, as godparents, you have a responsibility to pray for Lukas and help him always remember that he is a beloved child of God. Do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Godparents: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The congregation stands.

P: People of God, you have a responsibility to support and surround Lukas with Christian love, praying for him, discipling him, and serving with him. Do you promise to support Lukas and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Profession of Faith

P: There is evil in this world that we name devil and brokenness we call sin. We are powerless to overcome them, but the grace of God gives us strength to stand against them and forgiveness when we fall. Together, we profess our desire to live in this grace and in opposition to this brokenness.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: As we live together in Christ, we are made one in baptism and profess one faith. It is this faith that centers us on the grace of our Triune God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.**

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.

P: We give you thanks, O God. 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. In the waters of the flood you called Noah and brought forth new life. By Moses, you called the people of Israel to follow you through the waters and led them from slavery into freedom. You nourished them with water from the rock and brought them to the promised land. At the river your Son was baptized by John and you proclaimed to all that he is your “beloved child.” In the waters of baptism, you create, you bring forth new life in us, you set us free from the power of sin, and you proclaim that we too are your beloved Children.

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.

C: Amen.

Holy Baptism

The congregation sits

P: Lukas Andrew, in this water, God calls you by name. Beloved child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Laying on of Hands

P: 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 Lukas 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.

C: Amen

Anointing with Oil

P: In the Old Testament, oil is used to anoint and set people apart. In baptism, we are set apart as God's beloved children to live lives of love, justice, and mercy. Lukas, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Giving of a Candle

Congregational Representative: In John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In Matthew 5:14, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven." Dan and Kristina, we give you this candle to light again and again as Lukas grows up. Remember this day and always know that he is and will always be a beloved child of God.

Welcome

Welcome Song – "Jesus Loves You"

*As Lukas is brought into the midst of the congregation, we welcome him
as God's beloved child as we sing...*

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so.

Little ones to God belong, you are weak but God is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!

Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so!

P: Together we say:

C: Lukas Andrew Routh, you are beloved and blessed. By the grace of God that flows in the waters of baptism, we are drenched in our love for you, washed in our delight for you, and born anew by the grace that flows from the heart of our God who bore you to us. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in bearing God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

Every day we are to remember our baptism and remember that God's promises are for us as well. We have just heard the proclamation that Lukas is God's beloved child. Now it is time for you to hear it for yourself. Turn to your neighbor and exchange the sweet assurance that you are also God's beloved child as you say, "Jesus loves you!"

**Prayers*

Stewardship Time

*"Come to Me," arr. Marino and Wood
Faith Singers*

–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder provided by the Ushers–

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are gifts of God's grace to claim and sustain us in our lives as disciples of Jesus. Baptism proclaims our identity, that we are beloved children of God, called to love God and our neighbors. Holy Communion reconnects us to the Body of Christ and nurtures our lives of faith with forgiveness and life.

C: We give thanks to God as we receive this gift of grace anew today.

**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

"Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW 765

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

“Now Is the Time”

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

**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*

SENDING

**Benediction*

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

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song: “City of God”*

1. **Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!**
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!*

**2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free. Refrain twice**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Char Hubbard
Greeters: Char & Paul Hubbard
Reader: Kelly Hartz
Ushers: Char & Paul Hubbard
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Guitarists: Marilyn Dichsen & Devon Lehmkuhl
Drummer: John Demien
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Kelly Street
Chancel Committee: Kris Roth
Coffee Host: *Outdoor Picnic*



Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street	

Church Council Members:

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 4, 9:30am: **Outdoor Worship & Picnic** – Lukas Routh Baptism

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

Sunday, June 11, 9:30am: Worship

Wednesday, June 14, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

News Updates

Outdoor Worship and Picnic Today

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. Last year we experimented with outdoor worship once each month with a picnic and games... it was a hit! Join us again this summer today, July 2, August 6, and September 3. To assure all can participate, 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!

Music Update

I wish everyone a safe and fun summer, and we will meet again in the fall. If anyone is interested in doing something musical during the summer, please contact me.

Jean Welch, *Director of Music*

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, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Bishop John's Retirement Party

As you may know, Bishop John Roth will be retiring at the close of his term as bishop on August 31, 2023. You are invited to a Retirement Dinner in his honor on Saturday, July 15, 5:00-7:30pm at Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, in Springfield. Tickets are \$30 each, and reservations can be made at csis-elca.org/retirement **by July 1**. Additional donations toward the cost of the dinner are being accepted and can be included when you make your reservation. Any donations beyond the expenses of the dinner will support our companion synods in the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10:00am on Wednesday, June 21, in the Faith Library as we meet for great conversation and fellowship time. If you haven't attended before, now's a great time to give it a try! For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Women of Faith Fellowship Night

Join us on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00pm for dinner out at Kitchen 63 at K's Creek Golf Course. Please RSVP to Monica **by Sunday, June 18th** if you plan to come.

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange (on the counter outside of the coat closet). Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display. Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.

Faith Telephone Directory

A new Faith Directory is available in the gathering area on the Coffee Sales counter by the Mission & Ministry Center for all to take home (1 per household, please).

Contribution Envelopes for 2023

are available in the office. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please mention this to Barb Davenport, Pam Devlin, or Kris Roth. We will happily provide you with a box. If

you would like to register for our easy, **automatic online giving service**, contact the church office.