

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sharon Zuiderveld – “Air” from Water Music, by G.F. Handel

GATHERING

**Call to Worship and Confession*

P: Observe the Sabbath, and keep it holy.

C: God has given us the gift of rest and renewal.

P: The other commandments took the Israelites out of slavery,

C: This command takes the slavery out of us.

P: One day in seven, stop all work.

C: We remember that we are not defined by our output.

P: One day in seven, everyone rests.

C: The distinctions that define our value disappear.

P: One day in seven, we pause to remember who we truly are.

C: We are simply and completely humans, alongside one another, beloved children of God.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess the ways that we lose ourselves in the busyness of life. Our days are filled with a deluge of distractions that separate us from you. Hear our confessions for the ways we have forgotten your Sabbath, and bring us again into a right relationship with you and one another.

Silence for reflection and confession.

P: God hears your confession and showers you with mercy. Your sins are forgiven. Begin this day renewed. Love God. Love your neighbors. And rest in the goodness of God.

C: Amen.

**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 – “The Goodness of God”

(piano)

**I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.
'Cause all my life You have been faithful,
and all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice, you have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,
and I have lived in the goodness of God.
'Cause all my life You have been faithful,
and all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down. I surrender now, I give You everything,
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down. I surrender now, I give You everything,
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**

**And all my life You have been faithful,
and all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.**

Hymn of Praise: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ELW 836 (organ)

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

WORD

Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

Reader: Barb Davenport

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

*Gospel Reading: John 15:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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

Song – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733

(organ)

- 1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**
- 3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

Sermon: "Sabbath is for YOU"

Song of the Day – “You Are the Vine”

(piano)

**You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You.
You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You.**

**And we’ll go in Your love. And we’ll go in Your name
That the world will surely know that you have power to heal and to save.**

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That the world will surely know that you have power to heal and to save.**

**You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You.
You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You.
Keep us abiding in You.**

**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

*"In a Deep Unbounded Darkness," from All Creation Sings
by the Faith Singers*

–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–

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

"Come and Gather "

(piano)

Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Come and gather beneath the tree of life –

Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.

Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

**Here we raise the saving cross of Jesus,
singing praise to him who leads us on from death into new life. *Refrain***

**Flowing from this tree of grace and passion,
Oh how sweet the taste, how deep and rich the wellspring of your love. *Refrain***

**Come and drink the waters of salvation,
Come and die to sin, rise up to life within the Reign of God. *Refrain***

**Here beneath the branches of your mercy,
We invoke your name, remember how your love has set us free. *Refrain***

**Rooted in the rich earth of your Gospel,
May we bear the fruits your Word has planted deep within our hearts. *Refrain***

"All Creatures Worship God Most High" ELW 835 *(organ)*

- 1 **All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 **Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 **All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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 – “Go Now and Love One Another”* *(piano)*

**Go now and love one another, as I have shown my love for you.
Take up the cross and feed my sheep, love all of my crying lambs.
Go now and love one another, as I have shown my love for you.
For I have loved you with an everlasting love.
Go now and give my love away.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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The plants at the altar today are donated by the Dichsen family in celebration of Desmond's 3rd birthday on June 17

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 11, 9:30am: Worship

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

Sunday, June 18, 9:30am: Worship

Wednesday, June 21, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10am: Discipleship Group in the Library

6pm: Women of Faith at Kitchen 63

News Updates

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.

We Celebrate Our Graduates!

Did you have a family member who graduated this year? We want to congratulate them and celebrate their accomplishment! Please tell us their name, the grade level they achieved, and their plans for the future **by Sunday, June 18**. Whether one is moving on from preschool or a PhD, we give thanks to God!

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!*

Picnic Ministry – Sign Up to help with Outdoor Picnics

Our Picnic Ministry Team is looking for some volunteers to help with preparing for the 1st Sunday of the month outdoor picnics this summer. **You can help by signing up on the sheet** by the Coffee Sales next to the Mission & Ministry Center/coat closet:

- **Dates:** Sundays July 2, August 6, and September 3
- **Setup** (6 volunteers each Sunday for tables and chairs at 8:30 am)
- **Side Dishes** (8 volunteers each Sunday – see the sign-up sheet for specifics)
- **Desserts** (3 volunteers each Sunday)
- **Clean Up** (6 volunteers each Sunday to put away tables and chairs and clean in the kitchen)

For more information, talk with Kevin and Martha Krohe on our Picnic Ministry Team.

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.

Friends From Faith

Last month, we debuted a new ministry team led by Naomi Hahn called “Friends from Faith.” On the last Sunday of each month, everyone is welcome to send a greeting card. Visit the tall counter where you can select a card, sign a card, or deposit a card in the mailbox to send. Cards and stamps are provided for your use. If you have extra cards or stamps to spare, please bring them and donate them in the provided jar.

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*

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).

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.

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.