

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Outdoor Service**  
July 2, 2023

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude led by the Faith Singers – “We Believe,” by Ryan, Hooper, & Fike*

**In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear  
there is only one foundation, we believe, we believe.**

**In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see,  
there is only one salvation, we believe, we believe.**

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ,  
we believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death,  
we believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again; we believe.**

**So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.  
And in our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe.**

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we believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death,  
we believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again; we believe.**

**GATHERING**

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered to worship our Triune God, we make confession. We begin by confessing our sin, trusting in God's forgiveness and the power of God's Holy Spirit to help us grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.**

P: Living in God's forgiveness and fullness of life, we also confess our faith. This confession is not an accounting of sin, but a profession of faith in the one who sets us free. This week, we confess our faith in the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ the Son, and recite Luther's explanation to the second article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism.

Together, we confess:

**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: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

*Gathering Song – “Come Into His Presence”*

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
and give Him praise, and give Him praise.**

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart,  
your voices raise, your voices raise.**

**Give glory and honor and power unto Him, Jesus, the name above all names.**

*Children’s Sermon*

## WORD

*Reading:* 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*Reader:* Liddy Stark

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

*\*Gospel Reading:* John 1:1-18

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

*Song: "Jesus Messiah"*

**He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled himself, and carried the cross**

*Refrain: Love so amazing, love so amazing. Jesus Messiah; name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer. Emmanuel.*

*The Rescue for sinners; the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

**His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Refrain**

**All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
all the glory to You, God, the Light of the World.**

*Jesus Messiah; name above all names; Blessed Redeemer. Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners; the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all. The Lord of all.*

*Sermon*

*Song of the Day* – “Lift High the Cross” ELW 660

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. **Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
2. **All newborn servants of the Crucified Bear on their brows  
the seal of him who died. Refrain**
3. **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised,  
draw us all to thee. Refrain**
4. **So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Refrain**

*\*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*

“Here at This Table,” by Janèt Sullivan Whitaker & Max Whitaker  
*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*

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**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.**

“There Is a Redeemer”

1. **There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Refrain: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

2. **Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. Refrain**

3. **When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.  
There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place. 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: "Firm Foundation"

*Chorus: Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.  
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in your holy Word,  
I put my hope in your holy Word.*

1. **(I have a living hope) I have a living hope  
(I have a future) I have a future  
(God has a plan for me) God has a plan for me  
(Of this I'm sure) Of this I'm sure.**
2. **(Your Word is faithful) Your Word is faithful  
(Mighty in power) Mighty in power  
(God will deliver me) God will deliver me  
(Of this I'm sure) Of this I'm sure.**

*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert

Greeter: Judy Dillard

Reader: Liddy Stark

Usher: John Williams

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Mike Oldenettel & Kelly Street

Chancel Committee: Kim Heise

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:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

The plants at the altar today are donated  
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**What’s Coming Up at Faith?**

Sunday, July 2, 9:30am: **Outdoor Worship & Picnic**

Wednesday, July 5, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, July 6, 5:15pm: Parish Worship Committee  
6:00pm: Steering Committee

Sunday, July 9, 9:30am: Worship

Wednesday, July 12, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, July 13, 5:30pm: Church Council

## 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, 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 having a cookout picnic and time for games and activities for all. If you can provide something for the meal, see the sign-up sheets on the counter by the Mission & Ministry Center/coat closet. 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!

### Picnic Ministry – Sign Up to help with Outdoor Picnics

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

- **Dates:** Sundays 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.

### Synod Newsletter

If you'd like to keep up with what's going on in our Central/Southern Illinois Synod, you can visit the Synod website ([www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org)), click on Synod Newsletter, and that will direct you to a subscriber form. Otherwise, we could forward the Newsletters to you from the church office – just let us know.

### 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!*

## **Donations to Madagascar Lutheran Church in honor of Bishop John**

For years, the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the ELCA has partnered with two companion synods in Madagascar. In 2014, a delegation from our synod, including Bishop John and Kris Roth, visited Madagascar to learn more about them and partner in ministry. In honor of Bishop John's almost 24 years as our pastor here at Faith Lutheran Church and his 12 years of service as our synod bishop, we will be collecting donations to make a gift in his honor to support our ongoing partnership with the Malagasy Lutheran Church. If you would like to make a contribution, please designate it as "Madagascar." We have been fortunate recipients of Bishop John's faithful service over the last 36 years and are grateful to God for so many blessings!

## **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 table just outside the sanctuary 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.

## **Discipleship Group**

How well do you know your Faith Family? Join us at 10am on Wednesday, July 19 in the Faith Library to find out. If you haven't attended before, this would be a great time to start as we will dive a little deeper into the "Questions Box" and learn more about each other. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at [khartz@sompo-intl.com](mailto:khartz@sompo-intl.com).

## **Women of Faith Fellowship Night**

The Women of Faith fellowship group is meeting for dinner on Wednesday, July 19 at 6:00pm at The Hangout Bar & Grill. We'd love for you to join us! Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by **Sunday, July 16**.

## **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.

## **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*

## **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.