

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Outdoor Service**  
August 6, 2023

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by the Faith Singers – “In His Time,” arr. Ball*

**GATHERING**

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

P: Blessed be God, who loves, forgives, and restores what is broken.

**C: Amen.**

P: What does it mean to live a good life? It may be easier to describe the opposite. A good life is absent when our relationships are broken – relationships with others, relationship with creation, and relationship with God. Through our sin, we have broken these relationships, and we take time to reflect and confess.

*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: God’s gift of grace is at work in you, restoring what is broken. Your sin has been forgiven and no longer stands between you and God. May God’s grace be at work in all of our relationships, removing our pride, ending conflicts, and opening ears and hearts to embrace one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**C: Amen.**

P: We recognize this grace at work among us as we share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*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*

## WORD

*Reading:* Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17      *Readers:* Terri Kimler & Pastor Adam

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>3</sup>What do people gain from all the toil  
at which they toil under the sun?

<sup>4</sup>A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains for ever.

<sup>5</sup>The sun rises and the sun goes down,  
and hurries to the place where it rises.

<sup>6</sup>The wind blows to the south,  
and goes round to the north;  
round and round goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.

<sup>7</sup>All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;

to the place where the streams flow,  
there they continue to flow.

<sup>8</sup>All things are wearisome;  
more than one can express;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
or the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup>What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done;  
there is nothing new under the sun.

<sup>10</sup>Is there a thing of which it is said,  
'See, this is new'?

It has already been,  
in the ages before us.

<sup>11</sup>The people of long ago are not remembered,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of people yet to come  
by those who come after them.

<sup>3</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all

should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

<sup>16</sup>Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well. <sup>17</sup>I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for he has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work.

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

*Hymn of Praise – “Step by Step”*

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your way;  
And step by step You’ll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days. *Repeat*  
And step by step You’ll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

*Sermon*

*Song 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***

*\*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*

“Turn, Turn, Turn,” arr. Seeger  
*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*

"We Will Follow"

*Refrain: You're the way, you're the truth, you're the life, we will follow;  
Ev'ry word, ev'ry deed that we do.*

*You're the way, you're the truth, you're the life, we will follow.*

*Lead us, Lord, we will follow you.*

**1. In the hungry and the poor, those so easy to ignore.**

**In the thirsty and the weak, those who wander and in those who seek. *Refrain***

**2. In the stranger on the street, those forgotten whom we meet.**

**In the lonely far and near, those imprisoned, those who live in fear. *Refrain***

**3. In the hopeless ev'rywhere, those who need someone to care.**

**In the suff'ring through the land, those who long to touch God's healing hand.**

*Refrain*

“Teach Me to Dance”

*Refrain: Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,  
teach me to move in the pow’r of your Spirit,  
teach me to walk in the light of your presence,  
teach to me to dance to the beat of your heart.  
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
teach to me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

1. **You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth,  
in you is joy without measure.  
So, like a child in your sight, I dance to see your delight,  
for I was made for your pleasure, pleasure. *Refrain***
2. **Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say ‘yes’,  
a will that leaps to obey you.  
Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in your face;  
let my whole being praise you, praise you. *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: “Forever”*

**1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.  
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.**

**2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.  
For the life that’s been reborn; his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!**

**Refrain: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
forever God is with us, forever.**

**3. From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! *Refrain***

*Ending: And ever, forever.*

*Dismissal*

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant: Hallie Mayner

Greeter: Hallie Mayner

Reader: Terri Kimler

Usher: Larry Kuster

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Mike Oldenettel

Chancel Committee: Kim Heise

Coffee Host: *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  
by the Dichsen family in celebration of Pastor Adam's birthday today  
*and*  
by Carol Rauen in memory of Chuck Heacox

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**What's Coming Up at Faith?**

Sunday, August 6, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship + Picnic

Wednesday, August 9, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
5:15pm: Parish Worship Committee

Sunday, August 13, 9:30am: Worship  
11am: Anniversary Team

Wednesday, August 16, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10am: Discipleship Group (Library)  
6pm: Women's Fellowship at Proud Richard's (600 E. State)

Thursday, August 17, 6pm: Church Council Meeting

## News Updates

### **Discipleship Group**

Come prepared to share YOUR favorite Bible verse with the group. Why is it your favorite? What makes it special to you in your faith journey? Join us at **10am on Wednesday, August 16**, in the Faith Library to learn and share. 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 will meet for dinner on **Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at Proud Richard's (600 E. State St.). We'd love for you to join us! Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Join this exciting new ministry team! Sharon Zuiderveld and her sister, Mary Ellen, are looking for crocheters and knitters (or those who want to learn) to help make prayer shawls. Take a look at the pattern books by the coffee sales; if you would like to make a shawl, we can copy the pattern for you to take home (please leave the books on the counter). The shawls will then be given to friends as reminders that they are covered by our prayers and the love and grace of God.

### **Coming Up September 11-15: Doorbell Dinners**

Help us deliver meals in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair-Trade coffee sales.

### **Zuiderveld Memorial Concert**

Celebrating the life and music of Rudy Zuiderveld

Friday, August 25, 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church

321 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Springfield, IL

Admission is free

Featuring Stephen Tharp, Nichol DelGiorno, Thomas Drury, Homer Ferguson, Sr. Lori Kirchman, and Timothy Spelbring with Garrett Allman, *pianist*; Devon Carpenter, *harpist*; and Diane Dietz, *soprano*.

## **Outdoor Worship and Picnic**

Join us **on September 3** for our final outdoor service of the season. 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:

- **Date:** Sunday, 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.

## **Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style**

We would like to have our annual Soup Luncheon like we did last year — carry-out meals of a soup and dessert on **Sunday, October 8** after church until 1:00pm. Please plan to purchase lunch to take home that day and consider offering to help with the preparation. This event will also be open to the public.

## **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!*

## **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*

## **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.