

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Jean Welch, piano solo – “Thy Word,” arr. Carter

GATHERING

**Call to Worship and Confession*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

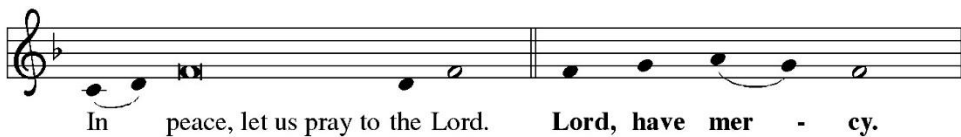
Silence for Reflection and Confession

P: Most merciful God,

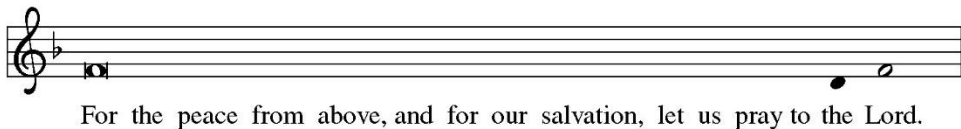
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 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.

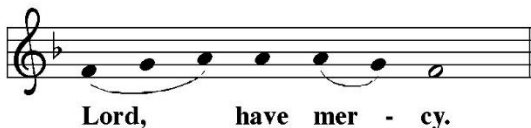
C: Amen.



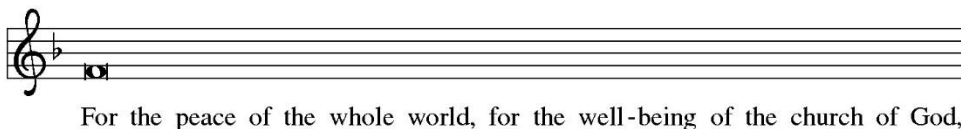
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



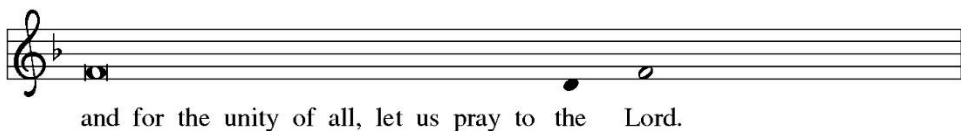
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



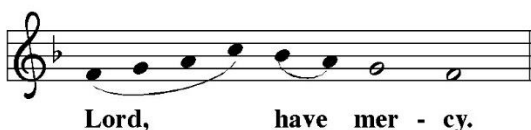
Lord, have mer - cy.



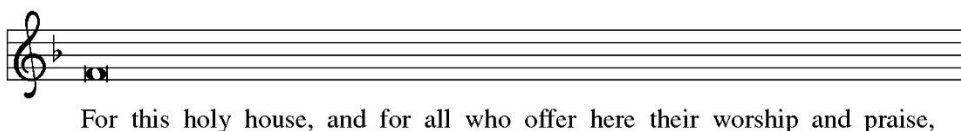
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



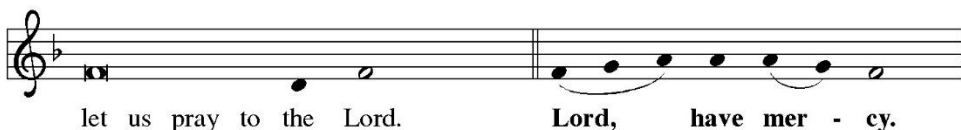
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



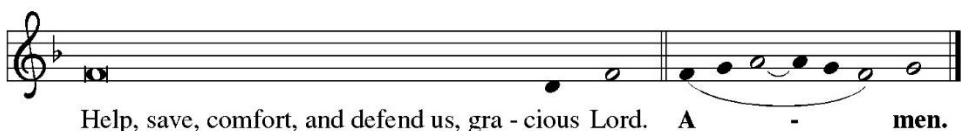
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray ...

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.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise – “Thy Strong Word,” ELW 511, vv. 1, 3, & 5 (organ)

Introduction by Naomi Hahn

- 1 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 3 **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 5 **Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!**

WORD

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Reader: Carol Kilver

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

**Gospel Reading:* John 1:1-5, 10-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

¹⁴And 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.

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

Sermon: "Scripture and Word"

Song of the Day – “Thy Word”

(piano)

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path. (twice)

**When I feel afraid, I think I’ve lost my way, Still you’re there right beside me,
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near, Please be near me to the end. Refrain**

**I will not forget your love for me and yet, I’ll forever be wand’ring.
Jesus, be my guide, ... hold me to your side; I will love you to the end. 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 of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

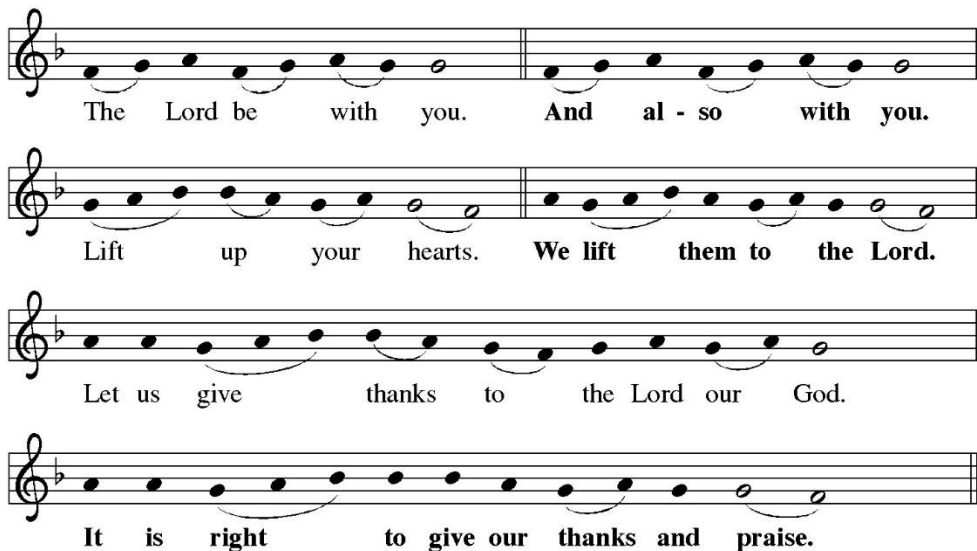
**“My Soul Longs for the Lord,” arr. Getty
*sung by Melissa Street***

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

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

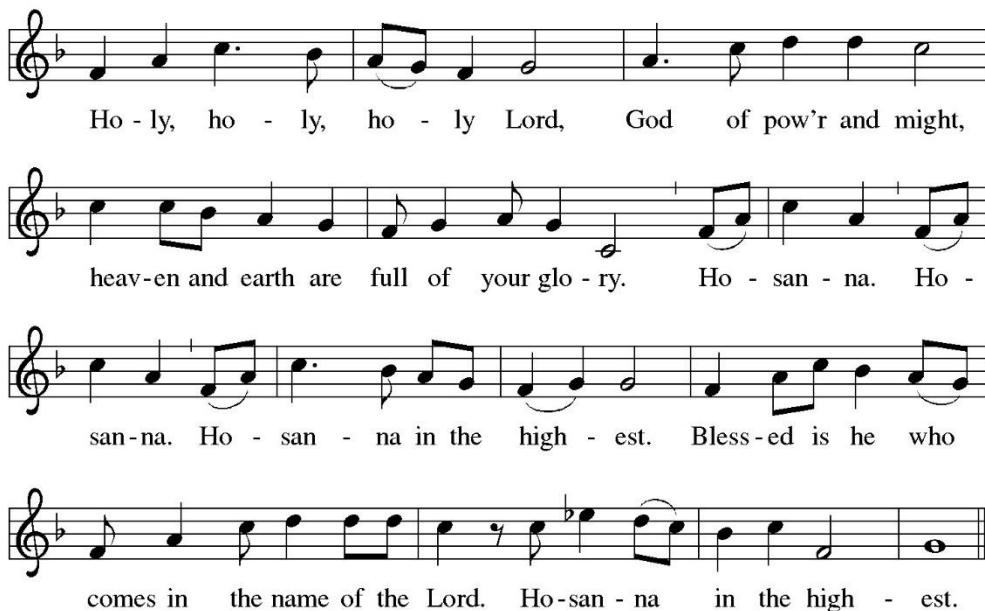
**Great Thanksgiving*

(organ)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**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

“Comfort, Comfort All My People” (piano)

Refrain: Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word.

Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

1. **Though your tears be rivers running; though your tears be an ocean full;
though you cry with the hurt of living: comfort, comfort.
Ev'ry valley shall be lifted, ev'ry mountain shall be low,
ev'ry rough place will be smoother, comfort, comfort! Refrain**
2. **Though your eyes see only darkness, though your eyes can see no light,
Though your eyes see pain and sorrow: comfort, comfort.
Ev'ry night will have its morning, ev'ry pain will have an end,
Ev'ry burden will be lightened: comfort, comfort. Refrain**
3. **Though we build strong walls for prisons, though we feast while others starve,
Though we fill this world with weapons: comfort, comfort.
Ev'ry pris'ner will be rescued, ev'ry hungry mouth be filled,
Ev'ry gun will rust, forgotten: comfort, comfort. Refrain**

4. **Though we fracture God's creation, though we stand so far apart,
Though we fail to love each other: comfort, comfort.
Ev'ry wall will crack and crumble, ev'ry stranger will be friend,
Ev'ry one embrace another: comfort, comfort. Refrain**

“God, Whose Almighty Word” ELW 673 (*organ*)

- 1 **God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**
- 2 **Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind
let there be light.**
- 3 **Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**
- 4 **Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.**

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

C: **Amen.**

*Sending Song – “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!**

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Hallie Mayner

Greeter: Hallie Mayner

Reader: Carol Kilver

Usher: Larry Kuster

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Pianist: Jean Welch

Drummers: Louis Dichsen & Marilyn Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Monica Proefrock

Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw

Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker

Singers:

Benen Dichsen

Kelly Hartz

Kris Roth

Carol VanderKloot

Louis Dichsen

Terri Kimler

Cole Street

Marilyn Dichsen

Adam Krohe

Melissa Street



Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

The altar plants are given today by
the Dichsen family in celebration of Marilyn's 17th birthday on June 6

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 2, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Discussion – "What is a Lutheran?" in the Justice Room

11:30am: Worship Core Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

6:00pm: Women of Faith Game Night at Patty Nelson's (*see p. 12*)

Thursday, June 6, 8:30am: Breakfast Group at Kim's Place (211 E. Court)

Sunday, June 9, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Discussion – "What is a Lutheran?" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, June 12, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, June 13, 8:30am: Breakfast Group at Kim's Place (211 E. Court)

News Updates

Discussion after Worship today – "What is a Lutheran?"

While on sabbatical, Pastor Adam and his family worshipped in lots of different settings. One Sunday, after worshipping at a Baptist church, his kids asked, "What is a Lutheran?" Through June 23, our readings, music, and sermons will address this question. After worship, join Pastor Adam in the Justice Room (across from the doors to the Great Room) to continue the conversation. Come ask questions, share stories, and learn more about what it means to be Lutheran.

Women of Faith Game Night

This month Patty Nelson is hosting a game night at her house (1509 S. Clay) on **Wednesday, June 5th** at 6:00pm. She'll provide iced tea and water. Bring a snack to share and any other beverages you'd like. If you have a favorite game, feel free to bring it as well. Hope you can join us for this fun night!

Discipleship Group:

Join us at 10:00am on Wednesday, June 19, as we gather to pray, break bread together, share the Bible, and enjoy fellowship with each other. Contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or khartz@sompo-intl.com with any questions.

Sunday School Thank You!

Many thanks to all who helped with our Sunday School program this year, especially Patty Nelson and Gilbert Wellenreiter for their dedication as teachers. We are already starting to make plans for next year's Sunday School program. If you have any interest in helping, please contact the church office.

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!*

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; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.

Summer Youth Camps

Performing Arts Camp (PAC) at Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on June 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29. Cost is \$50/camper.

Fire in Our Hearts (FIOH) at Green Pastures is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on July 8-12 and 22-26. Cost is \$135/camper.

If needed, scholarships are available.

Registration link: <http://www.greenpasturesretreatcenter.org/registration>.

For more information call: 217-584-1374

Email: contact@greenpasturesretreatcenter.org