

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Grace Alone,” arr. Jeff Anderson

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.

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**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 – “Rise Up, O Saints of God” ELW 669

(organ)

Introduction by Chad Boehlke

- 1 **Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.**
- 2 **Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.**
- 3 **Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.**
- 4 **Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.**
- 5 **Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!**

WORD

Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Reader: Carol VanderKloot

¹Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’,

⁸and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

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

Sermon: "The Priesthood of All Believers"

Song of the Day – "Take My Life, that I May Be" ELW 583 (piano)

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1. **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**
2. **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**
3. **Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain**
4. **Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

"Words for the Beginning of Your Christian Life"

(adapted from a poem by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Luka Johnathan, 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.

You haven't done anything yet.
You've just been here, breathing, sleeping, laughing, playing –
and you are loved.
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 with you always and 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 today,
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 Luka Johnathan Waddle to this Christian community and to the waters of Holy Baptism.

P: Luka, 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.

Hillary and Jacob, as you bring Luka 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: Erica and Katie, as godparents, you have a responsibility to pray for Luka 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 Luka with Christian love, praying for him, disciplining him, and serving with him. Do you promise to support Luka 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: Beloved child of God, in this water, God calls you by name. Luka, 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 Luka 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. Luka, 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." Hillary and Jacob, we give you this candle to light again and again as Luka grows up. Remember this day and always know that he is and will always be a beloved child of God.

Welcome

P: Together we say:

C: Luka Johnathan Waddle, 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 Luka 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,
"Child of God, Jesus loves you!"*

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“This is My Father’s World,” arr. Line
Jean Welch, piano solo

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–

*Words of Institution

(piano)

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Refrain

As of - ten as you eat this bread and

drink this cup You pro - claim the Lord's death un - til he comes.

P: On the night of his betrayal, ... This do so you remember me.” *Refrain*
After supper, ... This do so you remember me.” *Refrain*

*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

“Here I Am, Lord” *(piano)*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471 *(organ)*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

**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* – “We All Are One in Mission” ELW 576 *(organ)*

- 1 **We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**
- 2 **We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3 **Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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The altar plants are given today by
The Dichsen family in celebration of Desmond's 4th birthday on June 17

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin
Greeter: Vicki Robson
Reader: Carol VanderKloot
Usher: John Williams
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Susan Roegge
Pianist: Jean Welch
Drummers: Louis Dichsen & Marilyn Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Kelly Street
Chancel Committee: Karen Sibert
Coffee Host: Karen Sibert



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			

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 16, 9:30am: Worship + Baptism of Luka Waddle **Newsletter Deadline**
10:45am: Discussion – “What is a Lutheran?” in the Justice Room

Wednesday, June 19, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library

Thursday, June 20, 8:30am: Breakfast Group at Kim's Place (211 E. Court)
6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Sunday, June 23, 9:30am: Worship + Baptism of William Ring
10:45am: Discussion – “What is a Lutheran?” in the Justice Room

Wednesday, June 26, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, June 27, 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.

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!*

Summer Youth Camps

Performing Arts Camp (PAC) at Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center is for youth entering grades 5-12. Remaining camps: June 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