

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

GATHERING

**Call to Worship with excerpts from Psalm 100*

L: Make a Joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

L: Know that the Lord is God.

**C: It is God who made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

L: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's holy name.

**Opening Song – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858 (organ)*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

- 4 **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

L: 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.

Reflection by Liddy Stark – “What does music mean to me and my faith?”

Song – “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

(piano)

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those,

Who gladly trust you now. Refrain

Children's Sermon

WORD

Scripture

Reader: Terri Kimler

Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Song – “Lift Every Voice and Sing” ELW 841

(piano)

- 1 **Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.**
- 2 **Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**
- 3 **God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

Reflection by Carol VanderKloot – “What does music mean to me and my faith?”

Song of the Day – “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” ELW 763 (organ)

- 1 **My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

- 2 **Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? Refrain**
- 3 **What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
Refrain**
- 4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? Refrain**

**Profession of Faith*

L: O Lord, I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love;

C: For you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

by Jean Welch

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–

**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.

SENDING

**Benediction*

L: 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* – “Joy to the World” ELW 267

(organ)

- 1 **Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 2 **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 **No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**
- 4 **He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**Dismissal*

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Pastor: Adam Dichsen

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Drummer: John Demien

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Coffee Host: Terri Kimler



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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 30, 9:30am: Worship **Friends from Faith**

Wednesday, July 3, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, July 6, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 7, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship
10:30am: Indoor Potluck

Wednesday, July 10, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
6:00pm: Women's Fellowship
at Guse's Pub & Eatery (304 S. Main)

News Updates

Outdoor Worship and Potluck July 7

Our outdoor worship services continue on July 7, August 4, and September 1. To assure all can participate, there will be seating and communion stations on the east lawn, on the parking lot, and indoors (with worship visible from the Justice and Peace room windows), as well as being live streamed. Following the service, we will move indoors for a potluck meal in the Great Room. Invite a friend and join us for these wonderful times together!

Indoor Potluck on July 7

Following outdoor worship on July 7, we will move indoors for a potluck meal in the Great Room. Bring a dish to share and enjoy this meal together. We are in need of volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you are able, **please sign up by the Total Ministry Center.**

Friends From Faith -- *a ministry team led by Naomi Hahn on the last Sunday of each month*
Today, you can visit the tall white 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.

Men's Prayer Group

Help us grow our group! You can meet in person at Faith on **Wednesday mornings at 7:00**, or on zoom. Contact one of the guys to let them know you are coming: Gilbert Joehl, Kevin Krohe, or Larry Kuster.

Men's Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on **Saturday, July 6**. At 8:00, we hang out in the kitchen, helping to cook, drink coffee, and visit. At 9:00, we sit down for some conversation and discussion on a specific topic.

Women of Faith Fellowship Night

Join the women of Faith for dinner at Guse's Pub & Eatery (304 S. Main St.) on Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00pm. **Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by Sunday, July 7th**. Plus, save the date for our next game night - August 14th - hosted by Pam Devlin.

Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion **at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 17**, in the Faith Library. Spend time with others in prayer, study, and great conversation. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

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 an 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!*