

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Outdoor Service  
July 7, 2024

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Jean Welch – “Be Exalted, O God,” arr. Seal*

GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

*\*Sharing of the 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.*

*Gathering Song – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” ELW 888*

- 1 **O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**
- 2 **O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**
- 3 **O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

*Children's Sermon*

*Hymn of Praise:* "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

1. **Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let all with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;**  
**Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!**  
**He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;**  
**His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**
3. **Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!**  
**On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,**  
**Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

## WORD

*First Reading:* Psalm 19

Readers: Marilyn Dichsen & Adam Krohe

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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

*\*Gospel Reading:* Luke 11:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ <sup>2</sup>He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

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

*Song:* “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” ELW 756

1 **Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

2 **O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

3 **O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

4 **O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

*Sermon:* “This is My Song”

*Song of the Day* – “This is My Song” ELW 887

- 1       **This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**
  
- 2       **My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**
  
- 3       **This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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*

“Blessed Assurance” ELW 638  
*Congregation*

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**  
*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*
2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** *Refrain*
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**  
*Refrain*

*–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 Distribution*

*\*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: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" ELW 890*

- 1 **Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.**

*Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

- 2 **He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain***
- 3 **In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain***

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

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)

Sunday, July 14, 9:30am: Worship

Monday, July 15, 5:45pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library

## News Updates

### Outdoor Worship and Potluck

Our outdoor worship services continue today, and on 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 Today

Following outdoor worship today, we will move indoors for a potluck meal in the Great Room. If you can help clean up after the meal today, that would be great. For the August and September meals, please bring a dish to share and enjoy these meals together. If you are able, please sign up by the Total Ministry Center to bring a dish, help set up, or help clean up.

### Share your Favorite Song!

This month, as we "Lift Every Voice and Sing," we want to know your favorite worship song. Fill out a form at the cross by the coffee bar or email the church office. We will do our best to include your song in our worship during the summer.

## **Music is a Great Way to Connect!**

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts: jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

## **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.

## **Women of Faith Fellowship Night**

Join the women of Faith for dinner at Guse's Pub & Eatery (304 S. Main St.) on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. **Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by Today**. Plus, save the date for our next game night - August 14<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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!*

## **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 Camp**

**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](mailto:contact@greenpasturesretreatcenter.org)