

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude – “Worship the King,” arr. Marilyn Ham

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.

**Call to Worship – “All Creatures, Worship God Most High” ELW 835, vv. 1, 4, 6
(organ)*

- 1 **All creatures, worship God most high!**
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 **All who for love of God forgive,**
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 6 **O sisters, brothers, take your part,**
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**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 – “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

(piano)

**Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah to the Lord.**

WORD

Reading: Psalm 30:1-5

Reader: John Williams

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 5:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

Song – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (tune of LBW 251) (organ)

- 1. I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.**
- 2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**
- 3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.**

Sermon: "Dancing, and Singing in the Darkness"

Song of the Day – “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.**

**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 of Intercession*

Prayer and Sending for Mission in Uganda

Stewardship Time

“Sing to the King,” arr. Jeff Anderson
sung by the Faith Singers

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

**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

“Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723 (organ)

1. **My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**
2. **Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.**

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

3. **From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.**
4. **Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.**

Refrain

“The Trumpets Sound” ELW 531 (piano)

1. **The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin;
The gates of heav’n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

*Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,
come and revel in heaven’s love and light;
Take your place at the table of the King, the feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.*

2. **Tables are laden with good things, O taste the peace and joy he brings;
he’ll fill you up with love divine, he’ll turn your water into wine. Refrain**

3. **The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise;
now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.** *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: 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 Are Marching in the Light of God” ELW 866 (piano)*

1. **We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

2. **We are dancing . . .**
3. **We are praying . . .**
4. **We are singing . . .**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Barb Davenport
Greeter: Hallie Mayner
Reader: John Williams
Usher: Pat Glyshaw
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Susan Roegge
Pianist: Jean Welch
Drummer: Louis Dichsen
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Malinda Carlson & Kelly Hartz
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw
Coffee Host: Martha Krohe



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
Pastor Adam and Karen in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary on July 10
and by
Hallie Mayner (July 17) and Liddy Stark (July 12) in celebration of their birthdays

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

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

Sunday, July 21, 9:30am: Worship

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, July 24, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

News Updates

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 table under 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.

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.

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.

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)

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.

Outdoor Worship and Potluck

Our outdoor worship services continue 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 Peace room windows), as well as being live streamed. Following the service, we will move indoors for a potluck meal in the Great Room. Please **sign up at the counter** by the coffee sales to bring an item for the potluck or to help set up. Invite a friend and join us for these wonderful times together!

Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches Life & Works Project

Each Fall, Jacksonville welcomes numerous college students to our area. The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches will be distributing collected items to all students at Illinois College's Community Involvement Night. Each student will receive snacks, as well as welcome messages and information from contributing churches. Faith is invited to participate! **Collect granola bars, cheese crackers, and peanut butter crackers from now until August 11** and place them in the blue box in the Mission & Ministry Center. Questions? Contact Pat Glyshaw at 217 243-8093, or pat.glyshaw@gmail.com. Together, we can do great things!

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 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