

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

We welcome Pastor Tom Hillertz this morning while Pastor Adam is out of town

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Who You Say I Am,” by Morgan & Fielding

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 My Days”*

(piano)

**1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of ‘worthy’ will honor the Lamb! *Refrain***

**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 – “Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” (ACS 933) (organ)

- 1. Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!
Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;**

sing of the seed from barren earth greening;

Sing of creation, alleluia!

Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing; sing of the saints in water made holy;

Sing of salvation, alleluia!

2. Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!

Sing of the mourning turned into dancing;

sing now the myst'ry, hope of our glory;

Sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!

Sing now of fasting turned into feasting; sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;

Sing, all things living, alleluia!

WORD

Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: Carol VanderKloot

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

Psalm 150

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

**²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

**³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**

**⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

**⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

**⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Song – “Come Thou Almighty King” ELW 408

(organ)

**1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

- 2 **Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness
on us descend.**
- 3 **Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**
- 4 **To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

Sermon: "Ben's Story"

Song of the Day – “Where Charity and Love Prevail” ELW 359 *(organ)*

- 1 **Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.**
- 2 **With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**
- 3 **Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**
- 4 **Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.**
- 5 **Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

**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*

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts, *organ*

–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

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” ELW 808 *(piano)*

- 1 **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**
- 2 **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**
- 3 **As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**
- 4 **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW 742 *(organ)*

1. **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear –
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**
2. **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness -- take it to the Lord in prayer.**

3. **Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

**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 – “Forever”*

(piano)

1. **Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.**

2. **With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!**

*Refrain: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever.*

3. **From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! *Refrain***

Ending: And ever, forever.

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker
Greeter: Vicki Robson
Reader: Carol VanderKloot
Usher: Hallie Mayner
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Sandi Watts
Pianist: Jean Welch
Drummer: Joh Demien
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Greg Kimler
Chancel Committee: Kris Roth
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
Amy Stevens-Kaufmann
and by
Cole & Megan Street in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary today

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What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, July 21, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**

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

Sunday, July 28, 9:30am: Worship + Baptism of Kate Nelson
+ Friends from Faith Sunday

10:45am: Discussion: “Discipleship” in the Justice Room

Wednesday, July 31, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Saturday, August 3, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men’s Breakfast

News Updates

Discussion after Worship – July 28, August 11, 18, & 25 – “Discipleship”

Pastor Adam's new sermon series on discipleship will draw from the book, "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. Following worship, beginning on July 28, all are invited to the Justice Room to discuss the book, the sermon, and other aspects of discipleship in our church and lives. Copies of the book are available for \$10. Our focus will be one chapter each week, but as always, we are always open to where the Spirit leads!

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.

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, August 3**. 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.

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

We are already starting to make plans for this Fall's Sunday School program. **If you have an interest in helping**, please contact the church office or talk to Pastor Adam.

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