

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts, organ*

## 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: As we consider what it means to be a disciple, we ask ourselves the question:

**C: Who am I following?**

P: Everybody is following something or someone, but are we following Jesus? As we gather for worship, we are here to praise God for who God is and all that God has done. We are here to receive the grace of God in water and word, bread and wine. We are here to lift our voices in prayer and song. We are here as a community of faith that walks with one another through the joys and struggles of life.

**C: Let us also be here to follow Jesus!**

P: Too often, we do not follow Jesus. We follow people and ideas that make us feel good, that give us what we want, and make us feel right and that others are wrong. I invite you to take this time of silence to confess all that we follow that leads us down this dark path.

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, following people, things, and ideas that lead us away from you. What we follow influences what we love, and we have not loved you with our whole hearts or 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 would follow you first, above all else, to be with Jesus, to become like Jesus, and to do as Jesus did, all 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... and, I invite you into a deeper journey of discipleship, of apprenticeship, that we would be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do as Jesus did. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Call to Worship – “To Be Your Presence” ELW 546*

*(organ)*

- 1. To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion’s face and list’ning ear,  
To be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**
- 2. To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**
- 3. To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**
- 4. We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
And in his mission we, the church, rejoice, 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.*

Hymn of Praise – “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715, vv. 1, 2, & 5 (organ)

1. **Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. **Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain**
5. **Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

## WORD

\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:18-25 Reader: Liddy Stark

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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

*Sermon:* "Discipleship or Apprenticeship?"

*Song of the Day* – "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798, vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5  
(piano)

1. **Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
2. **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**
4. **Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

"Words for the Beginning of Your Christian Life"

*(adapted from a poem by Rev. Sarah Speed)*

Kate Amelia, 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 Kate Amelia Nelson to this Christian community and to the waters of Holy Baptism.

P: Kate, 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.

Emily and Patrick, as you bring Kate to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,

so that she 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 her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Elisha and Craig, as godparents, you have a responsibility to pray for Kate and help her always remember that she is a beloved child of God. Do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her 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 Kate with Christian love, praying for her, discipling her, and serving with her. Do you promise to support Kate and pray for her in her 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. Kate, 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 Kate 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. Kate, 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." Emily and Patrick, we give you this candle to light again and again as Kate grows up. Remember this day and always know that she is and will always be a beloved child of God.

## Welcome

P: Together we say:

**C: Kate Amelia Nelson, 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 Kate 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*

"May the Mind of Christ," arr. Barham-Gould  
*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*

“You Are Mine” *(piano)*

1. **I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.**

2. **I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me. I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

3. **I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, The lame will all run free, And all will know my name.**

*Refrain*

4. **I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, Embracing all your pain, Stand up, now walk, and live!**

*Refrain*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW 815 *(organ)*

1 **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2 **I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

3 **I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *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 – “Ablaze”*

*(piano)*

**1. Cold is the wind that blows in the night.**

**The darkness is deepest where there’s no light.**

**Who will You send to carry the flame? Who will proclaim your name?**

**People are lost and don’t even know it. If we know the way,  
then why don’t we show it?**

**Ignite the flame, O Lord fan the spark that we may shine in the dark.**

*Chorus: Set us ablaze, O Lord. Set us ablaze to tell Your story.*

*Shout aloud the hope of glory so that the lost will find the way.*

*Set us ablaze, O Lord, and fill your church with holy fire,*

*To share your love our one desire All our days. Set us ablaze.*

**2. For You, Lord, alone are the one who can save.**

**Your cross alone, and Your empty grave.**

**Hearts to renew, and sins to forgive that all of the world might live.**

**Ignite the flame, O Lord, send your Spirit, that we proclaim,  
and that they may hear it**

**Send us to show them the way that is true. Send us to lead them to You.**

*Chorus twice*

**I’ve got a calling. I’ve got a mission.**

**Out of the boat and on with the fishing, Ablaze!**

**Hearts that are burning, minds that are learning,  
filled with a yearning to see lives turning. Ablaze!**

*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin  
Greeter: Lillian Korous  
Reader: Liddy Stark  
Usher: Larry Kuster  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
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Pianist: Jean Welch  
Drummer: Louis Dichsen  
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen  
Financial Assistants: Monica Proefrock & Kelly Street  
Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe  
Coffee Host: Liddy Stark



### 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
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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

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

10:45am: Discussion: "Discipleship" in the Justice Room  
+ Friends from Faith Sunday

### **Sunday-Monday: Youth Camping & Canoe Trip**

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

Saturday, August 3, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 4, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship + Baptism of Reiss Proefrock

10:30am: Indoor Potluck

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

## 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, 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!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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