

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Susan Roegge – “Take My Life, and Let It Be,” arr. Bill Wolaver*

## 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 – “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW 705 (organ)*

- 1 **God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r;  
Crown your ancient Church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**
- 2 **Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days**
- 3 **Cure your children’s waring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.**
- 4 **Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

*\*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* – “Take My Life, that I May Be” ELW 583 (piano)

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1. **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**

2. **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**

3. **Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain**

4. **Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain**

## WORD

*please stand*

*\*Gospel Reading:* John 17:13-16, 20-23

Reader: John Williams

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>20</sup>I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,

may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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

*Sermon:* Goal #2: Become Like Jesus

*Song of the Day* – “Be Like You”

*(piano)*

**1. Teach me to love, teach me to serve. Teach me to tell of the truth of Your Word. Help me be weak, help me be strong, to love what is right and to hate what is wrong.**

**I know that I have a long way to go until I’m made pure and true.**

**But, ‘til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.**

**2. Teach me to trust, teach me to pray. Teach me to walk in the faith to obey. Help me be meek, help me be bold. Help me to serve both the young and the old.**

**I know that I have a long way to go until I’m made pure and true.**

**But, ‘til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.**

**To be a friend of compassion, a servant with passion, a lover of Your dear bride. To be filled with conviction, a part of Your mission, a servant of Christ who died.**

**3. Teach me to stand, teach me to fall, down on my knees in response to Your call.**

**Help me to die, help me to live. Help me to share the true love that You give.**

**I know that I have a long way to go until I’m made pure and true.**

**But, ‘til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.**

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*\*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*

~ Mission Moment on Discipleship ~

*–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*

“Change My Heart, O God”

*(piano)*

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

“Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793

*(organ)*

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.**
3. **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
4. **Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*\*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 – “Living Stones”*

*(piano)*

1. **Jesus Christ is our Cornerstone. He’s the Rock; He’s the solid foundation.  
We are building on Jesus alone, building up as the people of God.**

2. **Each of us is a living stone, precious stones in the building of Jesus.  
In this house we don’t stand all alone; we are one. We’re the people of God.**

*Refrain: Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.*

*Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation ... of Christ.*

3. **Jesus, You are our Cornerstone. You’re the Rock; You’re the solid foundation.  
We are building on Your love alone. Build us up as the people of God.**

4. **Each of us is a living stone. We’re alive in the love of Jesus.  
We are trusting in Jesus alone; we are His. We’re the people of God.**

*Refrain: Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.*

*Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation,  
building on the firm foundation, building on the firm foundation ... of Christ.*

### *\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Barb Davenport  
Greeter: Lillian Korous  
Reader: John Williams  
Usher: Pat Glyshaw  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
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Pianist: Susan Roegge  
Drummer: John Demien  
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen  
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Kelly Hartz  
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw  
Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker



### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Cole Street	
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### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 11, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Discussion: "Discipleship," in the Justice Room

Wednesday, August 14, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, August 15, 5:45pm: Council Meeting

Sunday, August 18, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Discussion: "Discipleship," in the Justice Room

Wednesday, August 21, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library

## News Updates

### **Discussion after Worship – 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 under the working cross in the gathering area. 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.

### **Women of Faith Fellowship Night**

It's time for another Women of Faith game night! Join us on **Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Pam Devlin's house**. Bring a snack to share and your favorite card or board game. We'd love to have you join us! Contact Monica Proefrock with questions: 217-737-0475.

### **Discipleship Group**

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, August 21** in the Faith Library. Spend time with others in prayer, study, and conversation. For more info, contact Kelly Hartz: 217-502-1979 or 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**

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.

## **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 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!

## **Coming Up September 9-13: Doorbell Dinners**

Help us deliver meals in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair-Trade coffee sales.

## **Outdoor Worship and Potluck**

Our final outdoor worship of the summer will be on 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 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 September 1**

Following outdoor worship on September 1, 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 September meal, 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.

## **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