

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

The Story – “The Blueprints”

GATHERING

**Call to Worship*

P: We have come, to this house of worship, for this time, with those we love, in God’s love.

C: We are God’s people, and we are here to worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Living God, in days gone by, stories have told of your journeying with a chosen people. For generations, they have walked a troubled path and longed for something different.

C: You are the star of the story, the source of all that is good and hope in times of trouble.

P: They trusted you and desired to make a house for you, a place where you would dwell and from where you would protect your people.

C: But you are God who cannot be limited to a place or a building. Your compassion is not limited to a particular people.

P: We seek forgiveness on behalf of a world that so readily draws lines of power and boundaries of segregation, a world that is fragmented by national, race, and faith differences.

C: We seek forgiveness for trying to claim you as our God alone who cares only about our interests and our needs.

P: And we seek forgiveness for the way we limit our worship, our time, and our activity in your Kingdom to this building and this time.

C: Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us our faults.

Silence for confession

P: Dear Family in Christ, through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, God hears your confession and fulfills his promises. In the name of Jesus Christ + , God has forgiven your sin and gives you new life. Amen.

- 1 **Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

- 2 **We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

- 4 **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: God of hope, You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. 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

WORD

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Reader: Liddy Stark

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies

from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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

Sermon: David – God's Promise beyond Walls

Song of the Day – “All Are Welcome” ELW 641

(organ)

1. **Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. **Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***
3. **Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

4. **Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

5. **Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“Lord, Be Glorified,” by Laura Bergquist
Susan Roegge, piano

–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

“Blessed Be Your Name” *(piano)*

**1. Blessed be your name In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow Blessed be your name**

**2. Blessed be your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be your name**

Refrain:

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name*

**3. Blessed be your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be' Blessed be your name**

**4. Blessed be your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be your name *Refrain***

**You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name**

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Lord, blessed be your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name
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“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (WOV 711) (organ)

*Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

1. **As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice,
So when you call your fam’ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. Refrain**
2. **With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav’nly food. Refrain**
3. **Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?;
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain**
4. **The myst’ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain**
5. **You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. 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: It is time to leave this place, a house built for the people of God, a place where generations have come to worship. And yet, God is not contained within these walls. God goes with us, everywhere we go. So let God be visible in your lives, that others might see God too. Amen.

**Sending Song – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW 815 (piano)*

- 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**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Portions of today's liturgy come from "Spill the Beans: worship and learning resources for all ages" and Luther Seminary's Narrative Lectionary worship resources.

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Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Kelly Hartz

Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe

Coffee Host: *Carry-Out Soup Lunch*

Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	Carol VanderKloot
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Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
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Marilyn Dichsen			

The altar plants are given today by
Liddy Stark in memory of Leslie Ann Rowe's 50th birthday

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 13, 9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Carry Out Soup Lunch

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

5:30pm: Faith Inkubators

Wednesday, October 16, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, October 17, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 11:00am: First Communion class Chalice Decorating

Sunday, October 20, 9:30am: Worship – New Member Welcome **Newsletter Deadline**

10:30am: Stewardship Celebration Meal

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

5:30pm: Faith Inkubators

Wednesday, October 23, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, October 24, 5:30pm: First Communion class

6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal

News Updates

Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style – TODAY

After church, please stop in the gathering area and buy a Soup Lunch to take home! Tickets are \$8.00 and include Carry-Out Soup (cold), Dessert, Cornbread, and Crackers. THANK YOU to all who signed up to help work and/or provide food and monetary donations, and Thank You to Steak n' Shake for once again providing oyster crackers!

Stewardship Celebration Meal – October 20

Please join us for a special meal after worship as we give God thanks for our ministry impact of 2024 and present out goals for the year to come. We will also have preliminary budget increases to share. **Please sign-up in the gathering area for the provided meal.**

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: Kevin Krohe or Larry Kuster.

Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, October 16**, in the Faith Library. Enjoy good food, great discussion, and a lovely, vibrant community of believers. 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!

The **Chancel Choir** will sing for **Reformation Sunday, October 27**.

Rehearsal will be **Thursday, October 24 at 6:30pm**. Hope you will join us!!

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)

“Faith's Little Flock”

Faith's Little Flock meets in the classroom next to the nursery after the children's sermon until communion time. Activities this month will follow Pastor's theme of God's promises. The children can look forward to making mini water globes, crafts with hearts and lambs, and more while listening to Bible stories. We are also adding some fun music for the little ones called "Sing the Bible". A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered your time.

We will be working on a schedule for volunteers and getting things organized for the remainder of the year. Blessings, *Melissa Street*

Bible Boot Camp – our next session is this afternoon!

We introduced Bible Boot Camp, a new program for elementary-school-aged children, in September. Pastor Adam warmed them up with singing, dancing, and some retelling of Bible stories from recent worship services. Patty Nelson and Shelley McDaniel led them in some creative play and crafts, and then we all joined with parents and older youth for a meal. Future events are scheduled on Sundays, from 4:30-6:00, October 20, November 10, and December 15. Spread the word and bring a friend!

Faith Inkubators – our next session is this evening!

Our Confirmation Class has resumed under a different name. Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. Future events are scheduled on Sundays, from 5:30-7:30, October 20, November 10, and December 15.

Youth Service Projects

Our youth are willing and able to help with service projects in your home! Last month they helped with the *God's Work, Our Hands* clean up as well as washing windows for a member. If you would like to have them help at your home, contact one of our Youth Ministry Team leaders (Marilyn Dichsen, Adam Krohe, and Barb Davenport). They are often available after worship, but may be able to schedule another time as well. If your project falls over a mealtime (or anytime in between), they may appreciate some snacks and drinks.

Reformation Sunday -- October 27

Let's roll out the red carpet (or paraments) as we celebrate Reformation Sunday! It will be a special morning with traditional Lutheran liturgy, a musical offering from our Chancel Choir, and an opportunity (or two) to belt out "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Celebrate Reformation Sunday with us and wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit, as we trust that God's reforming work and refining fire continue to be at work in us and throughout Christ's church.

Trunk-or-Treat at Faith - Need Volunteers!

This year Faith is hosting its first trunk-or-treat! Save the date for **Sunday, October 27,**

2-4 pm. This free, family-friendly event will be a great way for us to connect with the community, but we need your help to make it a success! We need people to sign up to decorate their trunks and hand out candy/trinkets, people to donate candy/trinkets, and for everyone to help spread the word. Please talk with Monica Proefrock or the Youth Ministry Team if you have any questions. And sign up now to volunteer for this fun outreach event!

Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention

Please consider attending the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA 2024 Biennial Convention on **Saturday, October 19** at St. John's Lutheran Church (2477 W. Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702), sponsored by the Women of the ELCA (WELCA). Contact Sharon Zuiderveld for more information or if you would like a ride.

Doorbell Dinners: October 28 - November 1

Thank you to all who helped with Doorbell Dinners in September. Our next opportunity will be coming up from OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 1. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales.

All Saints Sunday

On November 3, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, an opportunity to remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year. If you would like the name of your loved one shared, please submit it to the church office **by Friday, November 1**.

Neighbors in Need Outreach at GoChurch (767 S. West St., Jacksonville)

Sunday, October 20, 12:00 – 2:00pm

They will be providing a hot meal, hygiene products, sleeping bags, socks, and underwear for anyone who does not have a physical address. We have also purchased a Mobile Salon "Matthew 25 Mobile", that will have its first debut at the outreach. We will have a licensed barber and beautician on site at this event. Haircuts and a shampoo will be provided to those also who do not have a physical address. Haircuts will be first-come, first-serve, and clients will need to sign in to reserve a space.

Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Helene

If you would like to make a donation to help those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, there are donation forms available in the gathering area on the counter by the coffee sales.