

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

The Story – “Touched by Fire”

GATHERING

**Call to Worship*

P: God calls...

C: Is it I?

P: God calls...

C: Really? Me?

P: God calls...

C: And we come to answer, to respond, to worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, the whole earth is full of your glory. You are enthroned in majesty and mystery. In wonder, we fall down and worship you.

C: As Isaiah beheld you in prophetic vision, so we are filled with awe and wonder.

P: Lost in your holiness, we feel the lack in ourselves: we are brought face to face with our sense of unholiness, and see where we fall short of all that we could be.

C: Yet, in love, you take away that which we name “sin”, blotting it out, redrawing our possibilities, that we may live more fully as your people.

P: When you ask: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”, give us the faith and courage to raise our heads and say:

C: “Here I am, send me!” For you are our God, and we are your people, this day and always.

Silence for confession

P: Dear Children of God, God hears your confession and loves you with a love that is greater than sin and death. By the mercy of the Almighty, in the name of Jesus

Christ +, your sins are forgiven. Live in the love and fullness of life that God has given to you this day.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Song – “Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW 413*

(organ)

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: As you cleansed Isaiah with a coal of fire to prepare him for proclaiming your word to the world, prepare us so that we may know your bidding and carry out our callings with eagerness. Show the world greatness that cannot be contained any more than smoke or fire can be caught, in the name of the one who sacrificed everything to carry out your commands, Jesus Christ our sanctifier. 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: Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader: Liddy Stark

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

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

Song – “Purify My Heart”

(piano)

- 1. Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

*Refrain: Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord. By grace to be holy, set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.*

**2. Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within. Refrain**

Sermon – Isaiah: God's Promise of Prophecy

Hymn of the Day – “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling” (LBW 381) (organ)

- 1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I. Send me, send me”?**
- 2 **If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus; you can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,
you can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.**
- 3 **If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,
pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,
with your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.**
- 4 **Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
while the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you, “Here am I. Send me, send me!”**

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“A Rightful Place,” by Steve Angrisano
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

“Majesty”

(piano)

**Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.**

- 1 **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**
- 4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

**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: God has called us,

C: **We are God's people.**

P: This week, when God calls saying, “Whom shall I send?”

C: **May we answer, “I will go! Send me!”**

P: And go with God's blessing. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Song* – “Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574

(piano)

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**
3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? 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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The altar plants are given today by
Jean & Ralph Welch in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 10, 9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Youth Sunday School

Wednesday, November 13, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

3:00pm: Staff Meeting

6:00pm: Women of Faith Game Night at Patty Nelson's

Thursday, November 14, 5:30pm: First Communion Class

6:30pm: Worship Core Team

Faith Inkubators – this afternoon’s session is cancelled

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. **Our next event will be on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30-6:00.** Spread the word and bring a friend!

Women of Faith

It's time for another Women of Faith game night! Join us on **Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00pm at Patty Nelson's house.** Bring a snack to share and your favorite card or board game. We'd love to have you join us! Questions: call Monica at 217-737-0475.

Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, November 20**, 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.

Men’s Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on **Saturday, December 7.** 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.

Youth Service Projects

Our youth are willing and able to help with service projects in your home! 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.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

We have a great lineup for this year’s Advent Allegro concert series.

December 4: “The Extension Chords” (*with Jean Welch*)

December 11: Tyler Carpenter on marimba

December 18: Devon Carpenter on harp

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5.

We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup. If you would like to pitch in, contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.**

Holiday Food Basket Needs – Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

The Food Center will be assembling over 300 holiday baskets, so your donations truly make a difference – Thank You!

Sweet Potatoes	Chicken Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Potatoes	Canned Corn	Pumpkin Pie Mix
Gravy Mix (pkg or can)	Canned Green Beans	Evaporated Milk
Egg Noodles	Mushroom Soup	Cereal
	Stuffing Mix	Flour & Sugar

Please put your donations in the cloth baskets in the Ministry Center/Coat Room.

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. Make your check out to “Faith Lutheran” with *Hurricane Relief* in the memo line.