

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 – 11:00am

Greetings and Welcome

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence

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 us 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.

**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 Introduction – Naomi Hahn

Gathering Hymn – “The God of Abraham Praise” ELW 831, vv. 1, 2, 7, & 8

- 1 **The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love—
"I Am the One I Am"-- by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**
- 2 **The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
I all on earth forsake-- its wisdom, fame, and pow'r--
and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.**
- 7 **Before the great Three-One the saints exulting stand
and tell the wonders God has done through all their land.
The list'ning spheres attend and swell the growing fame
and sing the songs which never end, the wondrous name.**
- 8 **The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
to you be glory, might divine, and endless praise!**

**Kyrie*



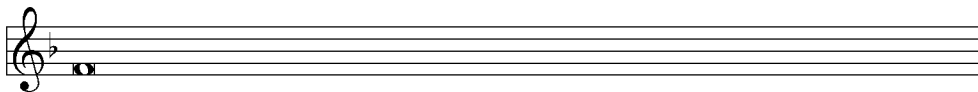
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A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

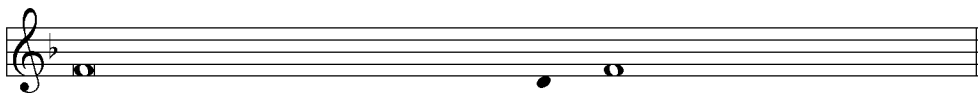
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



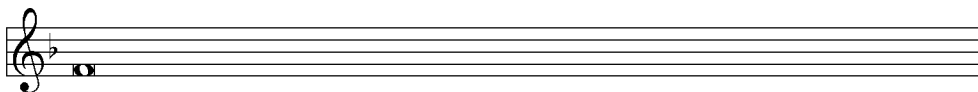
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

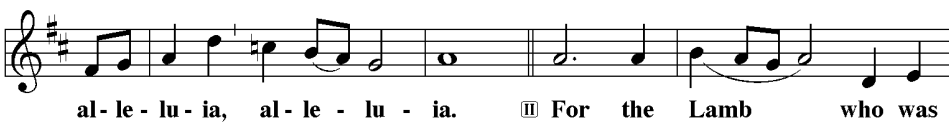
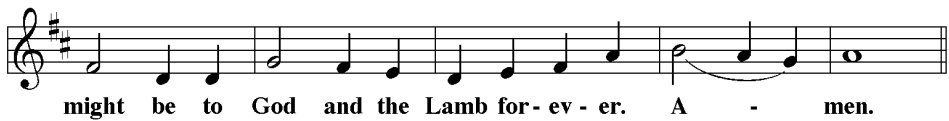
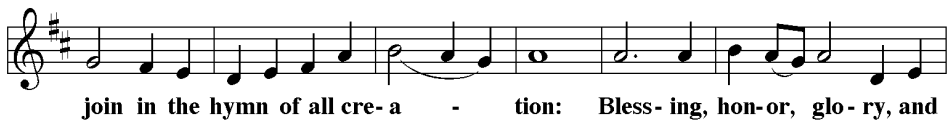
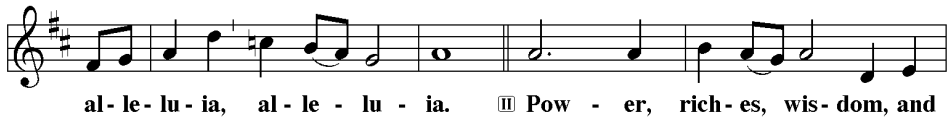
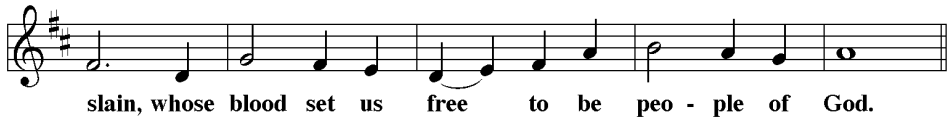
**Hymn of Praise*



C This is the feast of vic - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

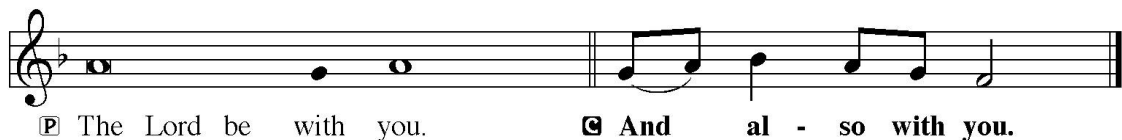


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was





**Prayer of the Day*



P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

WORD

Reading: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Reader: Patty Nelson

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? ⁵So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? ⁶So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to

Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” ⁹So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

²³Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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

**Gospel Acclamation*



**Gospel Reading: Luke 1:68-79*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

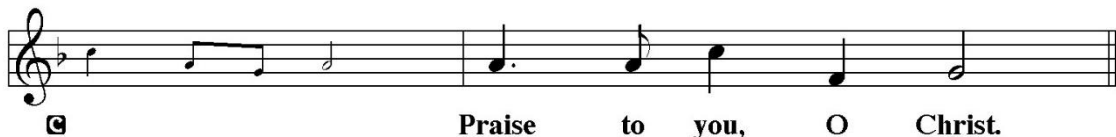


⁶⁸“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David
⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
⁷¹salvation from our enemies
 and from the hand of all who hate us—
⁷²to show mercy to our ancestors
 and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
 and to enable us to serve him without fear
⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation
 through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God,
 by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness
 and in the shadow of death,
 to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon: "We Are Set Free"

Hymn of the Day – “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” ELW 676

- 1 **Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.**
- 2 **Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**
- 3 **Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

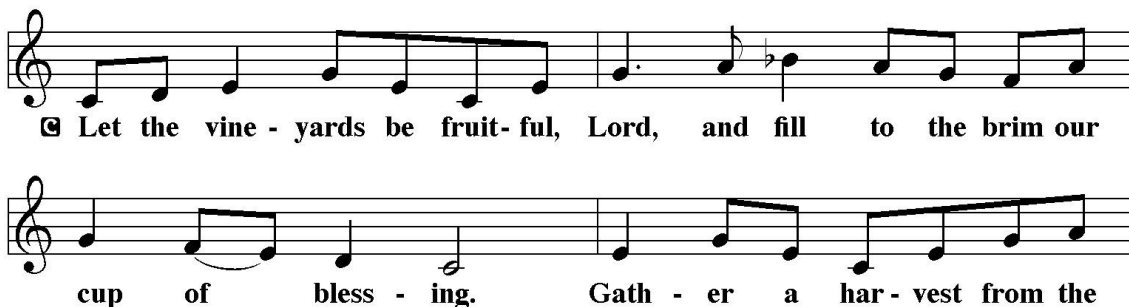
**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts, *organ*

—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—

**The Offertory*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**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.

**Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ELW 632

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

- 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” ELW 883

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

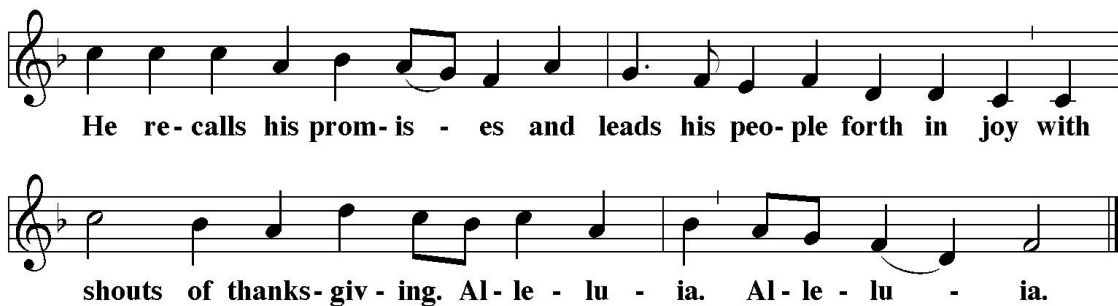
**Post-Communion Canticle*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



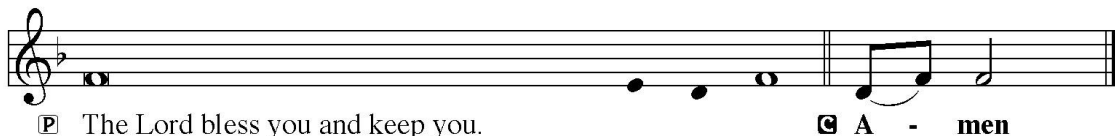
**Sending Prayer*

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

**Benediction*



Sending Hymn – “Thy Strong Word” ELW 511, vv. 1-4

- 1 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 2 **Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 3 **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 4 **From the cross thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
from the cross forever beameth all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar plants are given today by the Dichsen family
in honor of Marilyn’s 18th birthday on June 6

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Greeter: Lillian Korous
Reader: Patty Nelson
Usher: John Williams
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Sandi Watts
Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Kay Schnitker
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw
Coffee Host: Kris Roth



Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker
			Kelly Street

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 1, 9:30am: Outdoor Contemporary Worship
11:00am: Indoor Traditional Worship

Saturday, June 7, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 8, 9:30am: Worship **Pentecost and Confirmation**

News Updates

Summer Vacation Bible School

It has been a few years since Faith has offered Vacation Bible School, and we have many children who are asking for it to return. Our Discipleship Core Team would like to offer a VBS program that extends through the summer, choosing a day or two each month when we can gather for songs, lessons, games, and food. At this point, we are looking for helpers. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, Celeste Hill, or Pastor Adam. We need to know your interest and availability so we can have our dates set as soon as possible. Stay tuned, and we look forward for some great times to come!

Music at Faith

As always, we would love to have more people involved in the music ministry at Faith. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at our worship services – all are welcome! jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

Outdoor Contemporary – July 6, 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary worship is often identified by a style of music, but “contemporary” simply means that it pertains to the current time. This contemporary service will incorporate some current music heard on Christian radio as well as some from our files. Marilyn Dichsen will help select and lead the music, utilizing her love for worship music and desire to lead. We won’t have our Faith Singer choir, but invite anyone to help lead the singing. We will share a list of songs and rehearsal schedule as we get closer. The rest of the service can best be described as “Lutheran casual” with a familiar Lutheran structure, but less scripted. Bring a chair or a blanket (metal chairs will also be provided), and stick around for fellowship afterwards. This is a great opportunity to expand your worship horizons. Bring a friend and invite them to get to know our church.

Indoor Traditional – July 6, 11:00 a.m.

Good traditional worship is still “contemporary” as it speaks to us in our current time. Our Lutheran heritage is rich in theology and worship that connect with us today. This service will draw from the more traditional aspects of worship such as sung liturgy, familiar hymns, and all organ all the time. Our liturgy will come from the Lutheran Book of Worship (the green hymnal). For communion, we will gather around the altar by table with the option to kneel or stand. This is also a great opportunity to expand your worship horizons. Invite a friend to worship and rediscover our Lutheran heritage.

Lay Ministry 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!*

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

With summer fast approaching and kids being out of school, there is need for easy lunches at home. Canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee) are needed in the food boxes. Kids can "cook" this easily. The other things in boxes that allow minimal "cooking" are canned chicken or tuna, cereal, soup, peanut butter and jelly, and mac and cheese.