

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 – 9:30am

GATHERING

Greetings and Welcome

Sharing of Christ's Peace

Call to Worship – “Great Things,” by Phil Wickham

Come let us worship our king. Come let us bow at his feet. He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done. See how his love overcomes.
He has done great things. He has done great things.

Refrain: **Oh, hero of heaven, you conquer the grave!**
You free every captive and break every chain!
Oh God, you have done great things!
We dance in your freedom, awake and alive.
Oh Jesus, our Savior, your name lifted high.
Oh God, you have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.

And I know you will do it again. For our promise is “Yes and Amen.”
You will do great things. God, you do great things. (*Refrain*)

Hallelujah God, above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.
Hallelujah, you, have done great things.
Hallelujah God, above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.
Hallelujah, you, have done great things. You've done great things. (*Refrain*)

After final Refrain: **You have done great things.**
Oh God, you do great things.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Thanksgiving – “Gratitude,” by Brandon Lake

All my words fall short, I got nothing new, how could I express, all my gratitude?
I could sing these songs, as I often do, but every song must end, and you never do.

***Refrain:* So, I throw up my hands, and praise you again and again,
‘cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King,
except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.**

I've got one response. I've got just one move.
With my arm stretched wide, I will worship you. (*Refrain*)

So come on, my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song, ‘cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs,
get up and praise the Lord. (*Repeat verse three times, then Refrain*)

Song of Praise – “What an Awesome God,” by Phil Wickham

God is great, give him all the praise, hallelujah, name above all names.
Fire in his eyes, healing in his veins, everywhere, his glory on display.
Take a look at those stars, he can name them all.
Before his throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise,
even the winds and waves obey.

***Refrain:* Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom power and love, our God is an awesome God.**

And even when I ran, he didn't run away, he came and put death back in it's place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame, Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
Take a look at those scars on his hands and feet, He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb. Glory to the King Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing.
(*Refrain*)

Eyes on the sky, there will be a day, he will come and wipe our tears away.
No more fear, no more pain, no more sorrow, sin or shame.

The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end.
For everything you've done, and everything you do,
and everything you are, I'll sing to you.

**My God, you're an awesome God, you're great in all you do.
I'm made to worship you, my God, you're an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom power and love, our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God. Our God, what an awesome God!**

Prayer

Children's Sermon

WORD

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

Reader: Liddy Stark

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing? – if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God^[a] supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law or by your believing what you heard?

⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the gentiles shall be blessed in you.” ⁹For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous^[a] by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As

many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

Sermon: "We Are Set Free"

Song of the Day – "Who You Say I Am," by Hillsong

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me. Oh, his love for me
Who the Son sets free, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me
Who the Son sets free, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house, there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am.
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Prayers of Intercession

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**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 (*echo*), who art in heaven (*echo*), hallowed be thy name (*echo*).
Thy kingdom come (*echo*), thy will be done (*echo*),
On earth (*echo*), as in heaven (*echo*).
And give us this day (*echo*), our daily bread (*echo*),
And forgive us our sins (*echo*), as we forgive others.
And lead us not (*echo*), into temptation (*echo*),
But deliver us (*echo*), from evil (*echo*).
For thine (*echo*), is the kingdom (*echo*), and the power (*echo*),
And the glory (*echo*), forever (*echo*), and ever (*echo*). Amen (*echo*).
Our Father (*echo*), who art in heaven (*echo*),
Hallowed be thy name (*echo*),
(*together*) Hallowed be... thy name...

Communion Songs

“O Come to the Altar,” by Elevation Worship

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

**O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with, the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today, there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes, a new life is born. Jesus is calling.

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Forgiveness was bought with, the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

Oh, what a Savior. Isn't he wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all.
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“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,” by Sovereign Grace Music

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside, where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave his life for us
And our measureless debt was erased.

Refrain: **Jesus, to you we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.**

Turn your eyes to the morning, and see Christ the Lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry his life in our veins. (*Refrain*)

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for his own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
'All glory to Jesus alone!' (*Refrain twice*)

SENDING

Prayer and Benediction

**Sending Song* – “This is Our God,” by Phil Wickham

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape.
But he came, and he died, and he rose. Those walls are rubble now.
Remember those giants we called death and grave?
They were like mountains that stood in our way.
But he came, and he died, and he rose, those giants are dead now

Refrain: **This is our God, this is who he is, he loves us!**
This is our God, this is what he does, he saves us.
He bore the cross, beat the grave.
Let heaven and earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus.

Remember that fear that took our breath away?
Faith so weak that we could barely pray?
But he heard, every word, every whisper.
Now those altars in the wilderness,
tell the story of his faithfulness.
Never once, did he fail, and he never will. (*Refrain*)

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, he did.
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus.
Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, he did.
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus.
Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh.
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus.
Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh.
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but him.

This is our God, this is who he is, he loves us!
This is our God, this is what he does, he saves us.
He bore the cross, beat the grave.
Let heaven and earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus.
He bore the cross, beat the grave.
Let heaven and earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus.

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Ken Devlin
Greeter: Lynette Hamilton
Reader: Liddy Stark
Usher: Larry Kuster
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen
Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Kay Schnitker
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw
Coffee Host: Karen Sibert



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**

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

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News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

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!*

Faith's Little Flock

Faith's Little Flock will continue this summer during the 9:30 indoor services. Children will remain with their parents during the first Sunday of the month outdoor services. Class activity themes in June include Ruth and Naomi, Father's Day Bible Heroes, Juneteenth (God Sees, God Hears, God Delivers), First Day of Summer, and more!

Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7. We also welcome Big Kid Helpers (ages 8 and up), and adults to help the little ones with the more difficult parts of the crafts, and to read the Bible story. The children return to their parents during communion.

Contact Melissa Street or Pam Devlin if you would like to help or take a turn running the class. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far!

Bible themed word-finds, crossword puzzles, and other activity sheets are available in the gathering area for the older children (and adults). We look forward to seeing the children this summer! Blessings, *Melissa*

Men's Breakfast

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

Discipleship Group

Join us in the Faith Library at **10:00am on Wednesday, June 18** for Bible study and great conversation. Have questions or need more info? Contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or email khartz@sompo-intl.com. Can't wait to see you there!

Women of Faith

The Women of Faith will be gathering for dinner together at Leo's Pizza on **Wednesday, June 18th at 6:00pm**. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Additional items can be purchased individually. Please RSVP to Monica Proefrock at 217-737-0475 **by June 15th** so we can make a reservation.

Also, as Monica will be transitioning to using her gifts in a different way at Faith, this is currently the last planned gathering for Women of Faith. If you are interested in leading

this group, please reach out to the Discipleship Core Team leader, Pam Devlin, or Pastor Adam.

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)

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!

Synod Collections: Campus Ministry and Madagascar

At the Synod Assembly on June 5-7, collections will be held to financially support campus ministry in our synod and our two companion synods in Madagascar. Due to regional funding changes in the ELCA, our campus ministries are looking at a \$25,000 shortfall this year. Pastor Adam and others are hosing a Pedal for a Purpose bike ride to fill this gap. If you would like to donate to either of these causes, place an offering in one of the clear boxes at the coffee counter or designate your donation to “Madagascar” or “Campus Ministry.”

Outdoor Contemporary Service – 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 Service -- 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.

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.

Summer Youth Camps

Performing Arts Camp (PAC) at Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on June 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28. Cost is \$50/camper.

Fire in Our Hearts (FIOH) at Green Pastures is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on July 7-11 and 21-25. Cost is \$135/camper.

If needed, scholarships are available.

Registration link: <http://www.greenpasturesretreatcenter.org/registration>.

For more information call: 217-584-1374; Email: contact@greenpasturesretreatcenter.org