Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Maria & Lily Snodgrass – "Prepare the Way, O Zion," music by Fernando Ortega & Bernard Chadwick

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

Confession

- 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Song – "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW 807 (organ)

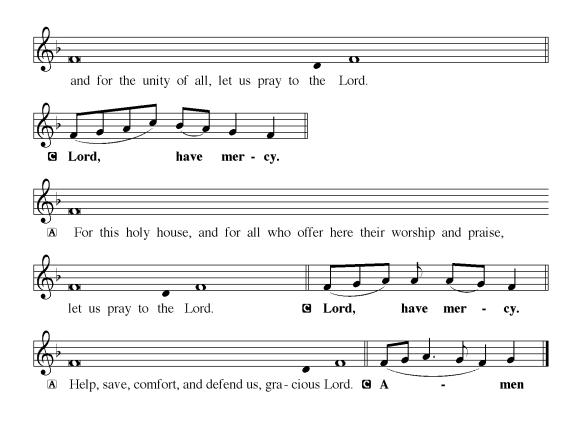
- Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Greeting and Kyrie

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.



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



*Hymn of Praise - "Jesus Be Praised"

(piano)

Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises, Jesus, we worship you. Songs of love we raise: Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!

*Prayer of the Day

- P: Loving God, you are our Master Builder. In Jesus Christ, you have laid a firm foundation. May your Holy Spirit be at work in us, through us, and with us, building on this foundation for your glory and the good of all your church.
- 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

WORD

Psalm 62:5-8

Reader: Monica Proefrock

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Reading: I Corinthians 3:5-11 Reader: Monica Proefrock

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and

the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

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

Sermon: "Built Upon the Rock"

Song of the Day - "Firm Foundation"

(piano)

Chorus: Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure. Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in your holy Word, I put my hope in your holy Word.

(I have a living hope) I have a living hope
 (I have a future) I have a future
 (God has a plan for me) God has a plan for me
 (Of this I'm sure) Of this I'm sure. Chorus

 (Your Word is faithful) Your Word is faithful (Mighty in power) Mighty in power (God will deliver me) God will deliver me (Of this I'm sure) Of this I'm sure. Chorus

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

All gather at the font.

- P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.
- *Parents*: We present Aubriella Joy Snodgrass and Naomi Grace Harlie Snodgrass for baptism.

Presiding minister addresses parents:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? Parents: We do.

Presiding minister addresses Godparents:

P: Sam and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Aubriella in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Godparents: I do.

Presiding minister addresses Godparents:

P: Melinda and Tyler, do you promise to nurture Naomi in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Godparents: I do.

Presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- P: People of God, do you promise to support Aubriella and Naomi and pray for them in their new lives in Christ?
- C: We do.

***Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son?
- C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water is poured into the font...

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and

anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

Baptism

Aubriella Joy Snodgrass, I baptize you in the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit.

Naomi Grace Harlie Snodgrass, I baptize you in the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Aubriella and Naomi with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Aubriella, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Naomi, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

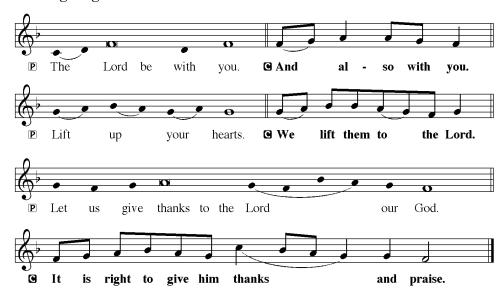
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ, into this Faith Family, and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world!

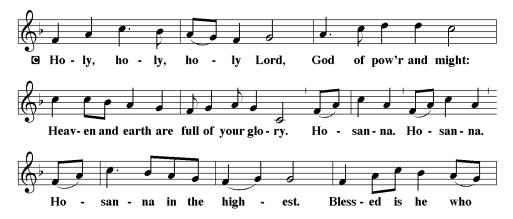
*Prayers of Intercession

"Built on Faith" Sung and written by Melissa Street

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



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



*Great Thanksgiving



*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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631 (organ)

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733 (piano)

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
- Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *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: 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 – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
 joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
 Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

*Dismissal

- P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

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The altar plants are given today by the Dichsen family in honor of Desmond's 5th birthday on June 17 *and* by Jeff & Shelley McDaniel in honor of Aaliyah's 12th birthday

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker Greeter: Hallie Mayner Reader: Monica Proefrock Ushers: Hallie Mavner Pastor: Adam Dichsen Baptizing Pastor: Bishop Em. S. John Roth Music Director: Jean Welch Organist: Sandi Watts Pianist: Susan Roegge Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Monica Proefrock Chancel Committee: Mary Jane Esslinger Coffee Host: Terri Kimler Singers: Benen Dichsen Terri Kimler Kris Roth Melissa Street Kelly Hartz Adam Krohe Cole Street Malinda Carlson Marilyn Dichsen Greg Kimler



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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 15, 9:30am: Worship

Baptisms: Ella & Naomi Snodgrass

Wednesday, June 18, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library 6:00pm: Women of Faith at Leo's Pizza

Thursday, June 19, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Sunday, June 22, 9:30am: Worship 6:30-8:30pm: Faith Pool Party at Nichols Park Pool

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*

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 <u>khartz@sompo-intl.com</u>. 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.

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!

Faith Lutheran Pool Party

Sunday, June 22, 6:30-8:30pm

Please join us at Nichols Park Pool for a pool party! Questions? Contact Monica Proefrock (217-737-0475).

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 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.

Musical Musings

Last year, during Pastor Adam's sermon series on "What is a Lutheran," volunteers presented introductions to hymns. They researched about the history and theology, helping us to appreciate the significance of each note and lyric. Sharon Zuiderveld and Naomi Hahn welcome you to join them in offering these musical musings again. Do you have a hymn or song your would recommend? Would you be willing to be a presenter? If so, let them know.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

With summer here and kids being out of school, there is need for lunch foods that kids can "cook" easily at home. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center.

Summer Youth Camps

Summer is full of camp opportunities for our youth. Here is some of what some of them are doing...

<u>Leadership Lab</u> - On June 23-28, high schoolers and beyond from churches across the country gather at Augustana College for this camp that focuses on raising up leaders in the church. Each year they progress through different levels of instruction and experience for leadership, as well as tons of fun! This year, Benen Dichsen and Marilyn Dichsen are attending.

<u>Performing Arts Camp (PAC)</u> - This two-day camp at Green Pastures is jam packed full of music, dance, drama, art, small groups, and fun. It is for youth entering grades 5-12 and is offered on two more weekends in June (20-21 and 27-28). A number of youth from Faith are attending as campers and leaders.

<u>Fire in Our Hearts (FIOH)</u> - This week-long camp at Green Pastures is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on July 7-11 and 21-25.

Your financial support through youth fundraisers makes these camps free of charge for our youth. Thank you for your support, please pray for their experiences, and consider inviting a child or grandchild to join us!

School Supply Collection – The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches

is collecting school supplies for in-need students for the upcoming fall 2025 school year. Collected supplies will be donated to the Jacksonville School District Foundation, for distribution through the school system. Needed items include:

Hand sanitizer • Kleenex • Clorox wipes • Paper towels • Highlighters • Markers • Single-subject spiral bound notebooks • Scissors - both adult-size and child blunt-tip scissors • Socks - all sizes of lower cut (men/women/children)

Items will be collected **through July 27, 2025**. Supplies can be left in the blue collection box in the Mission and Ministry Center by the coffee sales.

Questions? Contact coordinator Pat Glyshaw at pat.glyshaw@gmail.com.