

# Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts, organist*

## 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: Amen.**

*Gathering Song – “Come Into His Presence”*

*(piano)*

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart and give Him praise,  
and give Him praise.**

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart, your voices raise,  
your voices raise.**

**Give glory and honor and power unto Him, Jesus, the name above all names.**

*\*Greeting*

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.**

*\*Prayer of the Day*

P: Gracious God, you have loved us from the beginning, not because of who we are or what we have done, but because of who you are and what you have done. Help us to love you back, with our entire being - our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Finally, may our love for you not stop there, but extend to our neighbors as well.

**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*

*Hymn of Praise – “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” (Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal) (organ)*

**1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.**

**2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.**

3. **In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**
4. **In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

## WORD

*Reading:* Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

<sup>1</sup>These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup>so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup>Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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

*Psalms 100*

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

*\*Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup>“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup>“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup>To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

<sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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

*Sermon:* "Pillars - Loving God with Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength"

*Song of the Day* – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ELW 836 (organ)

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

# 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 Emma Louise Haxhinasto and Julia Lauren Haxhinasto for baptism.

*Presiding minister addresses parents:*

P: Gerti and Melissa, 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: Alban and Malinda, do you promise to nurture Emma and Julia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Godparents:* We do.

*Presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Emma and Julia 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**

Emma Louise Haxhinasto, I baptize you in the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit.

Julia Lauren Haxhinasto, 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 Emma and Julia 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.**

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

Julia, 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*

*Stewardship Time*

“Child of the Water,” arr. Peterson, Olson, and Brown  
*Faith Singers*

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

## 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, 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.**



“All My Days”

(piano)

1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

2 I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of ‘worthy’ will honor the Lamb! *Refrain*

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” ELW 358 (organ)

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

*\*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 – “City of God”* *(piano)*

1. **Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!**  
**A new day is dawning for all those who weep.**  
**The people in darkness have seen a great light.**  
**The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.**

*Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!*  
*For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!*

2. **We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.**  
**The one who has loved us has brightened our way.**  
**The Lord of all kindness has called us to be**  
**A light for his people to set their hearts free. Refrain twice**

*\*Dismissal*

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

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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

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

Wednesday, June 25, 6:00pm: Worship Core Team Meeting  
6:00pm: Women of Faith at Leo's Pizza

Sunday, June 29, 9:30am: Worship **Friends from Faith**

Wednesday, July 2, 7:00pm: Music Rehearsal

Saturday, July 5, 8:00am: Cooking for  
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

## **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*

### **Faith Lutheran Pool Party**

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

Please join us at Nichols Park Pool for a pool party! Bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. There is a new shallow-end playground for little ones. Lawn games will be available for those who do not want to swim. 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](mailto: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 you 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.

### **Mia Ware Foundation – SURVIVOR CELEBRATION**

**Wednesday, June 25, 6:00-8:00pm**

Mia Ware Foundation invites all cancer survivors along with one guest to a complimentary dinner at Hamilton’s Catering (110 N. East St., Jacksonville). Registration is required by June 18. To register: provide your name, if you will have a guest, email, phone number, and any diet restrictions to [info@miawarefoundation.com](mailto:info@miawarefoundation.com) or call/text information to Betsy at 217-370-3882 or Torri at 217-370-3106.

## **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](mailto:pat.glyshaw@gmail.com).

## **Summer Youth Camps**

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

Leadership Lab - 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.

Performing Arts Camp (PAC) - 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; the final weekend is June 27-28. A number of youth from Faith are attending as campers and leaders.

Fire in Our Hearts (FIOH) - 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!*