

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Jean Welch – “Oh, Worship the King,” arr. Hayes*

## 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 – “God’s Work, Our Hands” (ACS 1000)*

- 1 **God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 2 **God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 **God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 4 **God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

*\*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, your arms extend like the beams of a roof, gathering and sheltering all. Help us to love our neighbors with your wide welcome. Help us to care for the physical

needs of others so that none would suffer. Help us to create space for vulnerability, so that all can live authentically as you created them. May our love reflect your love - in heart, soul, mind, and strength - affirming that all are your children.

**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 – “He Is Exalted”*

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.**

**He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!**

**He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.**

**Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.**

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

## WORD

*Reading:* 1 John 4:7-12

*Reader:* Mike Fenner

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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

*\*Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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

*Sermon: "Loving Our Neighbors"*

*Song of the Day – “Help Us Accept Each Other” (TPH 358)*

- 1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them or as they may become.**
- 3 Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love;  
To practice Your acceptance until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**
- 4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

*\*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*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” arr. Hayes  
*Jean Welch, piano*

*—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.**

*Communion Songs*

“Build a Longer Table” (ACS 1062)

- 1 **Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 2 **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**
- 3 **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**
- 4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

“Jesus Christ”

1. Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;  
you became nothing, poured out to death.

Many times I’ve wondered at your gift of life, and I’m in that place once again,  
I’m in that place once again.

*Refrain: And once again I look upon the cross where you died.  
I’m humbled by your mercy and I’m broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

2. Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I’ll bow.

But for now I marvel at this saving grace and I’m full of praise once again,  
I’m full of praise once again. *Refrain*

Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, my friend.  
Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, my friend.

*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 – “Make Me an Instrument”*

*Refrain: Make me an instrument of your love; let me be a channel from above;  
Make me an instrument of your love, an instrument of your love.*

1. **When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**  
**When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there. Refrain**
2. **When someone is hungry, when someone is cold,**  
**let me be there, oh, let me be there.**  
**When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there. Refrain**
3. **If someone should wonder, is God still alive, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**  
**If someone should wonder, does God really care, let me be there. Refrain**

*\*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin

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Reader: Mike Fenner

Ushers: Angie & Mike Fenner

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: Martha Krohe

Coffee Host: Karen Sibert





### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street
Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street	

### 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 29, 9:30am: Worship                      **Friends from Faith**

Wednesday, July 2, 4:30pm: Appeal Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 3, 7:00pm: Music Rehearsal

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

Sunday, July 6, 9:30am: Outdoor Contemporary Worship  
11:00am: Indoor Traditional Worship

The altar plants are given today by Erin & John Cornell & family  
in celebration of Kim & Pat Heise's 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
*and*  
in celebration of Abby & Kyle Leckrone's 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

## 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*

### **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 – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet).

## **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 info for the remaining camp...

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. To register, call Camp Host Lydia Darden at 217-584-1374.

*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!*