

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 – 9:30am

## GATHERING

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Sharing of Christ's Peace*

*Call to Worship* – “Come, Now Is the Time”

*Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.*

*Come, now is the time to give your heart.*

*Come, just as you are to worship.*

*Come, just as you are before your God. Come.*

**One day every tongue will confess you are God.**

**One day every knee will bow.**

**Still the greatest treasure remains for those,**

**Who gladly trust you now. Refrain**

*Confessional Song* – “Made for More,” by Josh Baldwin

I know who I am, ‘cause I know who You are

The cross of salvation, was only the start

Now I am chosen, free and forgiven

I have a future, and it's worth the living.

*Refrain: ‘Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave, I was called by name,*

**Born and raised back to life again, I was made for more.**

**So why would I make, a bed in my shame, when a fountain of grace,  
is running my way, I know I am Yours, and I was made for more**

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Is running my way, I know I am Yours, and I was made for more

Hallelujah, You called out my name, so I’ll sing out Your praise  
Hallelujah, You buried my past, and I’m not going back (*repeat*)

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## *Forgiveness*

### *Song of Praise* – “Hallelujah Anyway,” by Rend Collective

I'll find a way to praise You, from the bottom of my broken heart  
'Cause I think I'd rather strike a match, than curse the dark.  
Yeah I'll find a way to thank You, though bitterness is real and hard  
'Cause I'd rather take a chance on hope, than fall apart.  
I don't think I'm ready to surrender to the dark, no.

*Refrain:* Even if my daylight never dawns  
Even if my breakthrough never comes  
Even if I'll fight to bring You praise.  
Even if my dreams fall to the ground  
Even if I'm lost, I know I'm found  
Even if my heart will somehow say, Hallelujah anyway!

I hear a hymn of triumph, In the wilderness of my lament  
In the lowlands or the mountain tops, I won't forget.  
All that goodness that You have shown me, the promises that You have kept  
There's better days on the horizon up ahead.

*Refrain:* **Even if my daylight never dawns  
Even if my breakthrough never comes  
Even if I'll fight to bring You praise.  
Even if my dreams fall to the ground  
Even if I'm lost, I know I'm found  
Even if my heart will somehow say, Hallelujah anyway!**

**Let it rise, let it rise  
In the dark, or the light  
Oh, my soul, stand and fight  
If you've got a song to sing, let it rise (*repeat*)**

*Refrain:* **Even if my daylight never dawns  
Even if my breakthrough never comes  
Even if I'll fight to bring You praise.  
Even if my dreams fall to the ground  
Even if I'm lost, I know I'm found  
Even if my heart will somehow say  
Hallelujah anyway! Hallelujah anyway!**

*Prayer*

*Children's Sermon*

## WORD

*Reading:* 1 Peter 2:4-9

*Reader:* Patty Nelson

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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

*\*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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

*Sermon:* “Living Stones”

*Song of the Day* – “Living Stones”

**1. Jesus Christ is our Cornerstone. He’s the Rock; He’s the solid foundation.  
We are building on Jesus alone, building up as the people of God.**

**2. Each of us is a living stone, precious stones in the building of Jesus.  
In this house we don’t stand all alone; we are one. We’re the people of God.**

*Refrain: Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.*

*Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation ... of Christ.*

**3. Jesus, You are our Cornerstone. You’re the Rock; You’re the solid foundation.  
We are building on Your love alone. Build us up as the people of God.**

**4. Each of us is a living stone. We’re alive in the love of Jesus.  
We are trusting in Jesus alone; we are His. We’re the people of God.**

*Refrain: Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.  
Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ,  
living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation,  
building on the firm foundation, building on the firm foundation ... of Christ.*

*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*

“Love of God,” by Brandon Lake & Phil Wickham

It's so good I almost can't believe it  
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream  
The God who set the galaxies in motion  
Would descend to give His life for me.

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?  
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?  
All my life, my heart will sing the answer  
Only the love of God

***Refrain:* Singing oh, how great is the love of God  
He paid our debt on that rugged cross  
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise  
How great is the love of God**

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance  
And it's so bright, the darkness has to flee  
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence  
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed

For what could break the chains of any prison?  
What force could rob the power from the grave?  
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?  
Only the love of God

***Refrain:* Singing oh, how great is the love of God  
He paid our debt on that rugged cross  
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise  
How great is the love of God**

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it  
It's so high, too marvelous for words  
I could sing a million songs about it  
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

This all my life, the banner I'll be waving  
My anthem cry no matter what may come  
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven  
I'll still be singing this song, For everything that You've done  
How great the love of God

*Refrain:* **Singing oh, how great is the love of God  
He paid our debt on that rugged cross  
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise  
How great is the love of God. (repeat)**

“Trust in God,” by Elevation Worship  
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine  
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood  
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

*Refrain:* **I trust in God, my Savior, the one who will never fail, He will never fail  
I trust in God, my Savior, the one who will never fail, He will never fail**

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps  
So this is my story and this is my song  
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

*Refrain:* **I trust in God, my Savior, the one who will never fail, He will never fail  
I trust in God, my Savior, the one who will never fail, He will never fail**

**Bridge: I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered  
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered  
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered  
I will trust in Him, I will trust in Him (repeat 2x)**

*Refrain:* **I trust in God, my Savior, the one who will never fail, He will never fail  
I trust in God, my Savior, the one who will never fail, He will never fail**

# SENDING

## *Prayer and Benediction*

*\*Sending Song* – “Goodbye Yesterday,” by Elevation Rhythm

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day  
I won't waste another minute in my old ways  
Praise the Lord, I've been born again! (*repeat*)

*Refrain:* **Again and again and again and again**  
**You rescued me out of the mess I was in**  
**You traded my sorrow for something to sing**  
**Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in**

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day  
I won't waste another minute in my old ways  
Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

Goodbye, yesterday, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
I've got resurrection in my veins  
Praise the Lord, I've been born

*Refrain:* **Again and again and again and again**  
**You rescued me out of the mess I was in**  
**You traded my sorrow for something to sing**  
**Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in. (*repeat*)**

I have decided to follow Jesus  
The world behind, the Cross before,  
And I won't turn back (*repeat*)

*Refrain:* **Again and again and again and again**  
**You rescued me out of the mess I was in**  
**You traded my sorrow for something to sing**  
**Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in. (*repeat*)**

Praise the Lord, I've been born again  
Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in  
Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in  
Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in (*repeat...*)  
Praise the Lord, I've been born again



*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant: Liddy Stark

Greeter: Lynette Hamilton

Reader: Patty Nelson

Usher: Larry Kuster

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Benen Dichsen

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistant: Malinda Carlson

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, July 6, 9:30am: Outdoor Contemporary Worship

11:00am: Indoor Traditional Worship

Sunday, July 13, 9:30am: Worship

Wednesday, July 16, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

### **Song Credits**

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship," words & music by Brian Doerksen, Vineyard Songs, © 1998. CCLI#973583

"Made for More" by Josh Baldwin

"Hallelujah Anyway," by Rend Collective

"Living Stones," by Michael A. Schmidt, © 1999. CCLI#973583

"Love of God," by Brandon Lake & Phil Wickham

"Trust in God," by Elevation Worship

"Goodbye Yesterday," by Elevation Rhythm & Gracie Binion

The altar plants are given today by Pastor Adam & Karen Dichsen  
in celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on July 10

## 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 in July will continue Pastor Adam's Building theme, explore ways to see God in His creation this 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 to the children. 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*

### First Sunday Summer Worship Schedule

Our first, first-Sunday worship was a joy as we enjoyed the beauty of God's creation outdoors with a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and the comforts of air-conditioning with a full traditional service at 11:00 a.m. Not only are these services set in different sanctuaries, but the style of worship is distinctly different. The outdoor contemporary service is more casual with a less scripted liturgy. The music selection includes some of our familiar contemporary songs, as well as those you may hear on the radio. The indoor traditional service is more formal with a sung liturgy from the familiar Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal). The music selection includes familiar hymns led on the organ. Our first Sunday summer services will be held on **today, August 3, and September 7.**

## **Discipleship Group – You're Invited: "Kindness in Action"**

Join us for the Discipleship Group meeting at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 16, in the Faith Library. This month, we'll explore how everyday acts of kindness can reflect the heart of Christ. Let's grow together in compassion, connection, and purpose.

## **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)

## **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).

## **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.

## **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).