

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts*

## 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* – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW 886, vv. 1-4, 6 (*organ*)

- 1 **Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**
- 2 **My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**
- 3 **The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**
- 4 **He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**
- 6 **To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

*\*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: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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* – “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807, v. 1 (*piano*)

- 1 **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.**

## WORD

*Reading:* Psalm 25, vv. 1-10, read responsively

*Reader:* Barb Davenport

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

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

*\*Gospel Reading: Luke 10:27-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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

*Song – “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807, v. 3 (piano)*

**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.**

*Sermon: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

*Song of the Day – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW 708, vv. 1-3 (piano)*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

- 1 **Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***
- 2 **Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***
- 3 **These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

*\*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*

**“Tis So Sweet,” arr. Shane Barnard  
*Sung by the 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.**

*Communion Songs*

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW 712 (*organ*)

- 1 **Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**
- 2 **Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**
- 3 **As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

- 4 **Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

**“Touch that Soothes and Heals” (ACS 939) (piano)**

- 1 **Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:**

*Refrain: "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

- 2 **Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,  
give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.**

*Refrain*

- 3 **Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. Refrain**

- 4 **Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal. 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 – “On Our Way Rejoicing” ELW 537*

*(organ)*

- 1 **On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

*Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!*

- 2 **Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. Refrain**

*\*Dismissal*

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

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### **Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker

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Usher: Barb Davenport

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Guest Pastor: Bishop Em. S. John Roth

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Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Kay Schnitker

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: Karen Sibert





Singers:

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Malinda Carlson	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
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			Kelly Street

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, July 13, 9:30am: Worship

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

Sunday, July 20, 9:30am: Worship      **Newsletter Deadline**  
10:45am: Church Council Meeting

The altar plants are given today by  
the Stevens-Kaufmann families in memory of Dr. Tom Stevens  
*and by*

the Roth family in celebration of Drew & Maria Snodgrass' 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 8

## 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*

### **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)

### **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 remaining first Sunday summer services will be held on **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.

### **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.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Dennis Backstrom and Elaine Chapman**

All are invited to celebrate with Dennis and Elaine on Sunday, August 10, from 2:00-5:00pm, 623 W. Savanna Ct., Dunlap, IL 61525. Please RSVP by August 1 to [dobackesc@yahoo.com](mailto:dobackesc@yahoo.com) or 217-883-1732. No gifts, please.

### **Esprit de Corps Free Theater Camp**

Faith is hosting this wonderful theater camp with Esprit de Corps for children going into grades 3-8. They will be learning one of Ken Bradbury's plays, "We Can Change the World," with performances on Friday and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Faith. Rehearsals are Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 4:00-6:00pm beginning July 14. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BwaiyFRiT/> for more information and a link to the registration page, or contact Marilyn Dichsen.

### ***"Memories of Mama . . . Thinking of Dad"***

a Ken Bradbury play will be performed at Grace United Methodist Church, 400 W. Morgan, Jacksonville, on **Friday and Saturday, July 25 & 26, at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, July 27 at 2:00 pm.**

The cast includes Audra Nelson, Drew Snodgrass, Mike Schneider, Lynne Sheaff, Scott Stanberry, and Keith Bradbury from Jacksonville, Jim and Brenda Yale of Petersburg, Linda Schneider of Springfield, and Cathy Doyle from Rushville; Stephanie Soltermann of Jacksonville is the music director and accompanist.

Tickets are \$15 at the door; the doors open one hour before the performance, general admission seating.

*All proceeds benefit local theater and music programs  
through the Ken Bradbury Foundation.*

### **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: *(over)*

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).

### **Faithful Innovations – Central/Southern IL Synod--ELCA**

**Faithful Innovation** is an invitation to deepen connections. It is a way to simplify, refocus, and reorient ourselves and towards God's activity. It is not another program, to-do list, or thing to add on top of already busy schedules. Rather, it is a way of life, a journey of discovery that draws us back into core stories of the faith and deepens our capacity to be led by God.

So how does it work? Participation in ***Faithful Innovation*** requires a team of 3-5 congregation members, and their faith leader, to work with a trained coach from our synod for monthly gatherings. The faith leader does not lead the group but serves as an encourager along the way. **The guiding teams and coaches commit to three, in-person trainings on September 13, December 6, and March 14.**

While there is no cost to participate in the training, we do invite congregations to consider a donation of \$30 per participant to help cover the cost of 3 lunches and snacks. In between trainings, guiding teams will explore their communities, listen for where the Spirit may be calling them into action, and share stories about what is being learned.

Maybe you are curious, maybe you are ready to say "yes" to this exciting journey, or maybe you have more questions about this adventure. Wherever you are at, feel free to give me a call at 315-277-3703 or email me at [Jason.fisher@csis-elca.org](mailto:Jason.fisher@csis-elca.org) to ask more questions or to get your guiding team registered.

**Registration deadline for this round of trainings is Sunday August 10.** I'm looking forward to joining you on this faith journey as we listen and follow God together.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Deacon Jason Fisher, Central/Southern IL Synod