



June 19, 2022

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pride Sunday

- To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .
- . . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer, study and fellowship
- . . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith that works in real life
- . . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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Introduction to the day

Happy PRIDE! June is a time to celebrate the fullness of the LGBTQIA+ community and expand our knowledge as people of faith so we can provide the best hospitality we can in our communities. As you gather to worship with one another, we invite you to use this resource and the other 2022 ReconcilingWorks Pride materials to honor and create visibility for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, in their endless diversity of bodies, stories, and experiences. Let this PRIDE be a time for us all to see the ways the Divine is embodied in our beloved queer siblings, wonderfully and perfectly made.

PRELUDE

“Tis the Gift to be Simple”

arr. Lani Smith

GATHERING

Called by the Holy Spirit, we gather this PRIDE season to proclaim God’s love and welcome to ALL. In this space when we say ALL, we mean people of every ability and disability, age, culture gender identity and expression, neurodiversity, race, sexual orientation, socio economic status, and the fullness in which God has created you to be! We gather knowing God values and embraces us each as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice. Let today be a day where we welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for God’s diverse Kin-dom.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Holy Parent,
And of the+ Child,
And of the Holy Spirit, ever-present in our lives.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and no secrets are hidden, be with us all and cleanse us through the gifts of the Spirit. We reside in this space humbled and seeking forgiveness. Forgiveness for the hurt we have caused to our LGBTQIA+ siblings, Black, Brown Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) siblings, women identified people, immigrants, elderly, disabled siblings, neurodiverse siblings, and those who do not have access to basic human needs. Let us break this cycle of brokenness, heal our hearts, restore our trust, and work to be a community for all people. We turn to the power of the Holy Spirit, confessing our sins against our siblings, and in receiving forgiveness, seek to grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ – our Savior and Liberator.

Merciful Creator,

Have mercy on us. We confess we have turned away from you and the holy people of your Kin-dom. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown. When we have had power, we forgot what it is for. We raised ourselves further up, ignoring how it kept pushing others further down. We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power in love, to lift up the voices of those forced to be silent. Help us remember that we are Your children, are made in Your image, worthy of your unending grace. May the giver of life make all things new through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.


Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



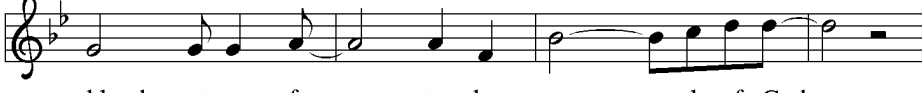
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



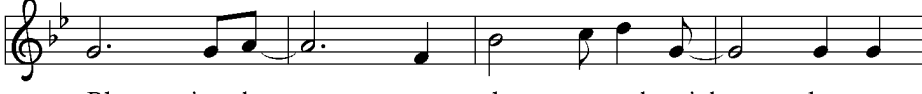
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Spirit, fill us with your knowledge and invitation to be movers and shakers in this world. As this month embodies all the ways we each are made in God's image, we center ourselves and focus our energy. Creator, You are asking us to keep expanding welcome to others, liberating those forced to live in the margins, and dismantling the barriers that keep us from experiencing equity. We arrive present, with open hearts and open minds to hear your good news, in anticipation of the work we are sent out in the world to lead! **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
 to be found by those who did not seek me.
 I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
 to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

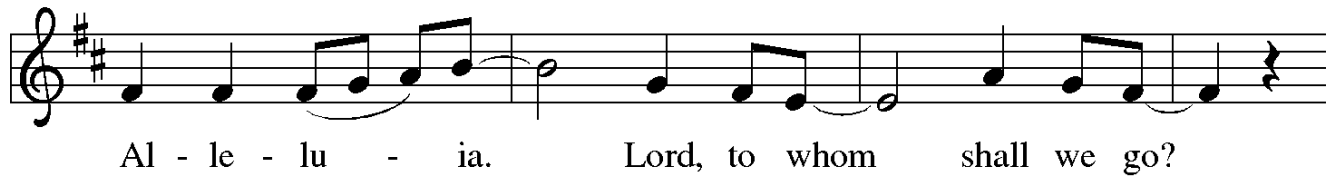
For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

A reading from Galatians.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" —²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the

swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

SERMON

Rich Weingartner

HYMN OF THE DAY

Cast Out, O Christ



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need...

*Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition, the assembly responds: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:

Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your unlimited capacity for love and mercy, and in your grace. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

"How Firm a Foundation"

(arr. Anne Krentz Organ)

Linda Hirt, Ann Mayer, Addie Thompson, and Rich Weingartner, handbells

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 the people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

At this table make us your body. Form us to be a people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Nourish our bodies so that we may be fed. Teach us to see You, Christ, in those around us. As we prepare this table for you, we prepare our hearts for your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

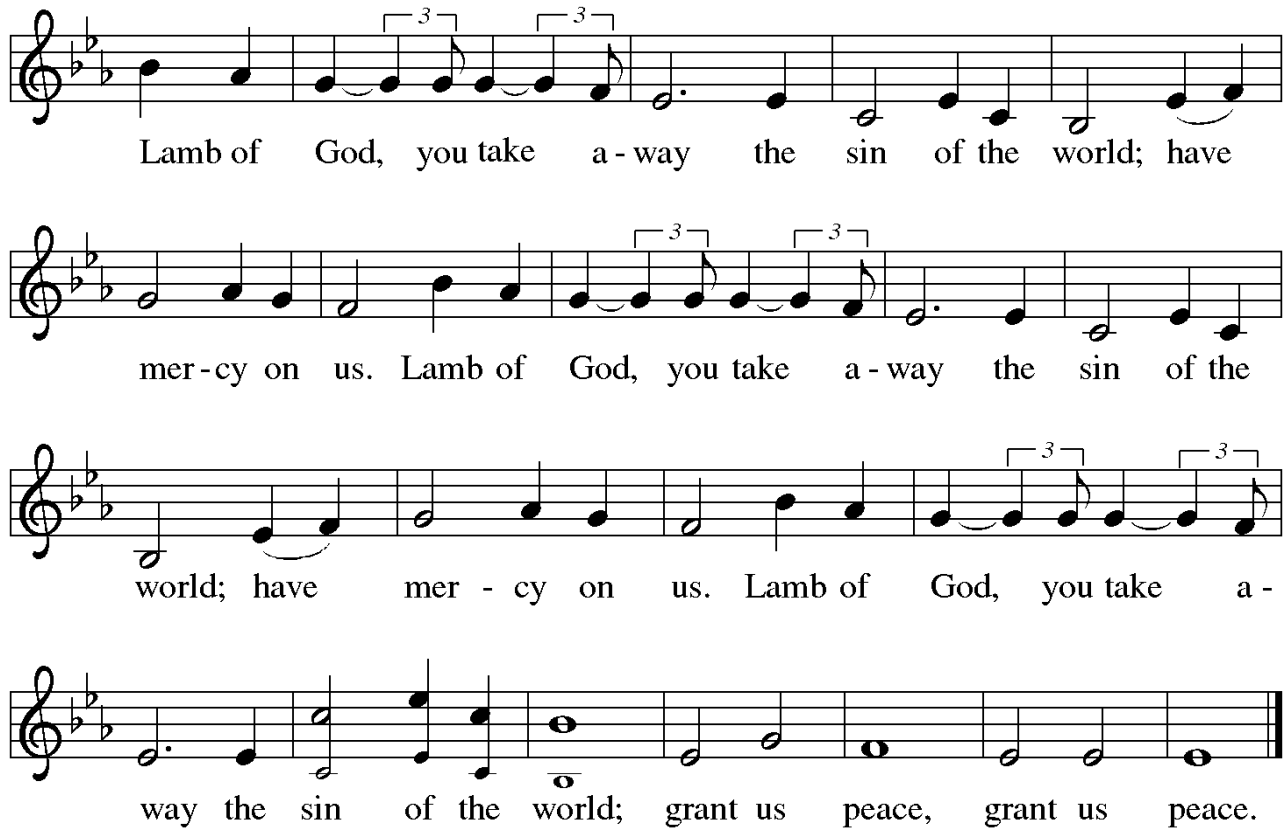
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“One Bread, One Body”

arr. Ron Schmoltze

Please stand if you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Creator, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen**



SENDING SONG

Stand in the congregation

E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ Fm/E♭

1 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex -
 2 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will . . .
 3 We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and we will ex -

E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ B♭ B♭⁷

alt you; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 praise your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 alt you; we will join as a con - gre - ga -

A♭/B♭ E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ Fm/E♭

- tion and I will ex - alt you. Let the
 - tion and I will . . . praise your name. With your
 - tion and we will ex - alt you. We will

E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ E♭⁷/G A♭

chil - dren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!
 peo - ple in ev - 'ry na - tion I will shout this praise!
 sing . . . as all cre - a - tion lifts the song a - new!

Fm⁷ E♭ A♭M⁷/B♭ B♭⁷ E♭ Fm/B♭ E♭

Hal - le - lu - jah!

³E \flat B \flat sus B \flat Gm⁷ Cm⁷
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 F^{sus} F B \flat A \flat /B \flat B \flat
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 A \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat Fm/E \flat E \flat Fm/E \flat
 Let the chil - dren of your sal - va - tion lift their
 E \flat E \flat ⁷/G A \flat Fm⁷ E \flat A \flat M⁷/B \flat B \flat ⁷ E \flat Fm/B \flat E \flat
 prais - es too! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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DISMISSAL

Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace; continuing to be fierce advocates and activists for your LGBTQIA+ siblings and all those in need of inclusion and advocacy, leave this space with a fervent and renewed passion for welcome.

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator. Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made in God's image! **Thanks be to God.**

Have a Blessed and Holy PRIDE!

POSTLUDE

“Partita in G Major, Gigue”

G.F. Handel

We encourage those who are able, to remain seated in the chairs for the postlude.

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Year to Date January 1-April 30st, 2022

Income	\$ 94,127.00
Expenses	<u>\$111,870.00</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(17,743.00)

Weekly Offering Reports

6/5

Loose Cash	\$ 47.00
Loose Checks	\$ 20.00
General Fund	\$ 1,195.00
Butterflies	\$ 75.00
Roof Fund	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1,437.00
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 4,007.00
Building	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,469.00

6/12

Loose Cash	\$ 65.00
Loose Checks	\$ 45.00
General Fund	\$ 875.00
Butterflies	\$ 45.00
Building Rental	\$ 135.00
Pantry Fund	<u>\$ 129.50</u>
Subtotal	\$1,294.50
Vanco	
General Operating	<u>\$ 585.00</u>
Total	\$1,879.50

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