

June 18, 2023

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 3

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

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

PRELUDE

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Cherwein

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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 - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 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.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

The covenant with Israel at Sinai.

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

PSALM: Ps 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The sending of the Twelve.

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

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bring forth the kingdom

Leader
D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader All
G D/F# G A D G D/F# A D

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king-dom of mer- cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus- tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit-y of God!

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 God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world 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:

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

“Heavenly Sunlight”

(arr. Mark Hayes)

Singing Sinners Summer Choir

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 Father, 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer ...

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

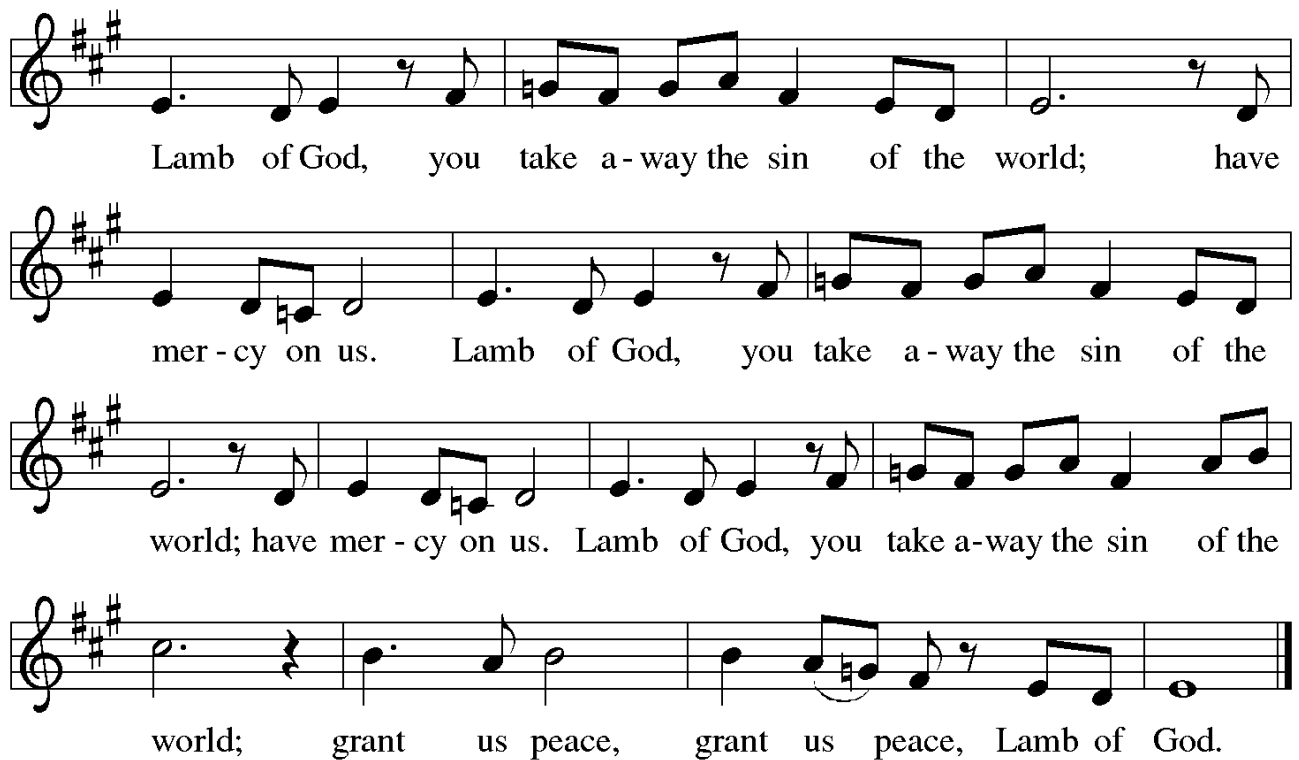
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

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, Lamb of God.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Bergquist

“Into My Heart”

Wilhelmi

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. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - jice,

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Engelberg Theme and Variations, "Final"

Burkhardt

Reader: Megan Nyquist
Lay Assistant: Paul Hereza
Ushers: Harrison/Fraser
Acolyte: Open

Greeter: Chris & Jean Lewis
Altar Care: Cecelia Kramer
Nursery: Open, but not staffed
Coffee Hour: Backman's

<u>January 1 - May 31st, 2023</u>	
Income	\$140,373
Expenses	<u>\$138,404</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,969

Weekly Offering Reports

	<u>June 4</u>
Loose Cash	\$ 10.00
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00
General Fund	\$ 1,195.00
Other	\$ 100.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 36.18
Parish House	
Member Contribution	\$ 25.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,466.18
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 4,755.00
Building	\$ 125.00
Caring Committee	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 50.00
Parish House	\$ 50.00
Subtotal	\$ 5,030.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,496.18

	<u>June 11</u>
Loose Cash	\$ 87.00
Loose Checks	\$ 0.00
General Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Other	\$ 0.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 50.00
Parish House	
Member Contribution	\$ 50.00
Subtotal	\$ 2,187.00
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 220.00
Building	\$ 0.00
Caring Committee	\$ 0.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 0.00
Parish House	\$ 0.00
Subtotal	\$ 220.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,407.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Ellen was installed Sunday, June 4th as part-time Pastor at Edgewood Lutheran Church in Fruitport, Michigan. This was a call position for 10 hours per week – Sundays and Wednesdays. She and Ken are enjoying being with family in the area. We wish them the best and will keep them in our prayers.
- As we await the arrival of Pastor Bruce on June 26th, Pastor John continues to be on-call if you need anything. His phone number is 517-214-6483. Let us all pray that we will warmly welcome Pastor Bruce as he begins his adventure of faith and courage and love with us.
- Lunch Bunch - **Open to Everyone**:
Join us for The Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, June 21 at FLC from 11:45 to 1:00. This is an opportunity for fellowship and food; cold cuts, cheese, bread, and chips will be provided as well as coffee and lemonade. If you wish, bring a side dish or dessert. Or, bring your own lunch if you'd like. We hope you can join us. Come and go as you wish during the luncheon. See Bob Nelson or Tammy Heilman if you have any questions.