

**June 25, 2023**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Presiding Minister Today ..... Rev. Julie Winklepleck  
Music Director ..... Debra Borton-McDonough  
Organist/Pianist ..... Bruce Williams  
Church Secretary ..... Connie Denbrock  
Youth & Education Director ..... Pam Williams  
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## Introduction to the Day

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

## PRELUDE

"All Are Welcome"

arr. Ron Schmoltze

## 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 – ELW 641

## All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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



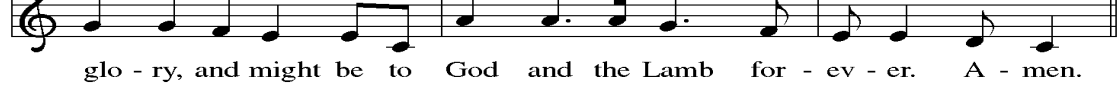
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

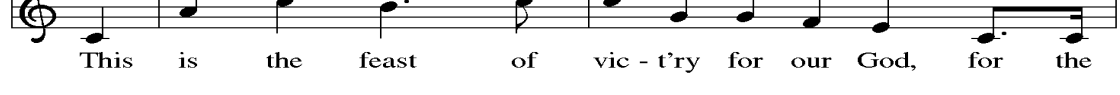


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

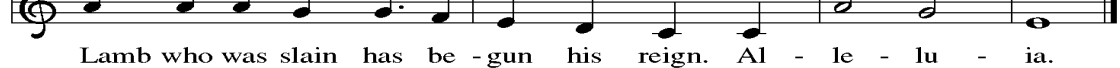


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

A reading from Jeremiah.

...

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

## **Psalm: 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

*Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a by-word among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;

do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for yur love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

A reading from Romans.

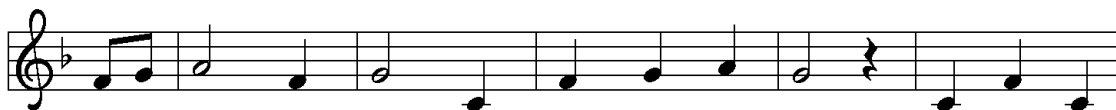
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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON & GATHERING OF THE NOISY OFFERING**

*The Pantry Ministry is an important and vital part of our community. Today we will be taking an offering for the Pantry Ministry.*

## **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 10:24-39

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

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 – ELW 793

### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## 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.

...

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

"I Can Only Imagine"

(Bart Millard)

*Deb Borton-McDonough*

*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.**

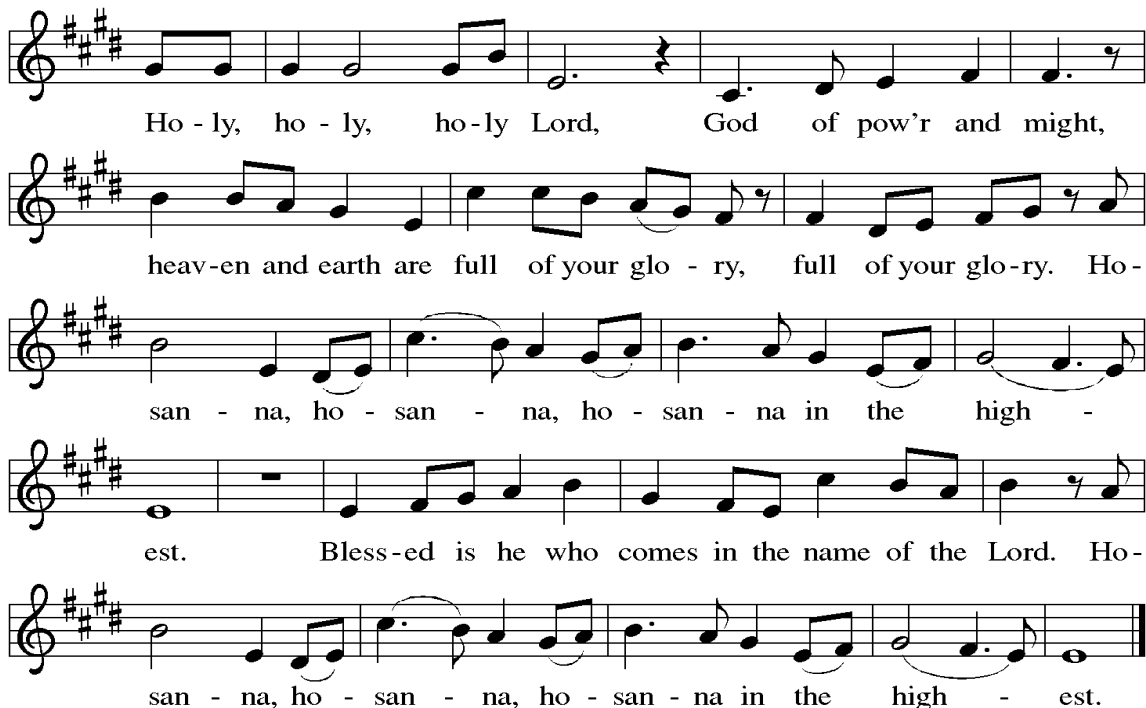
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

## **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.

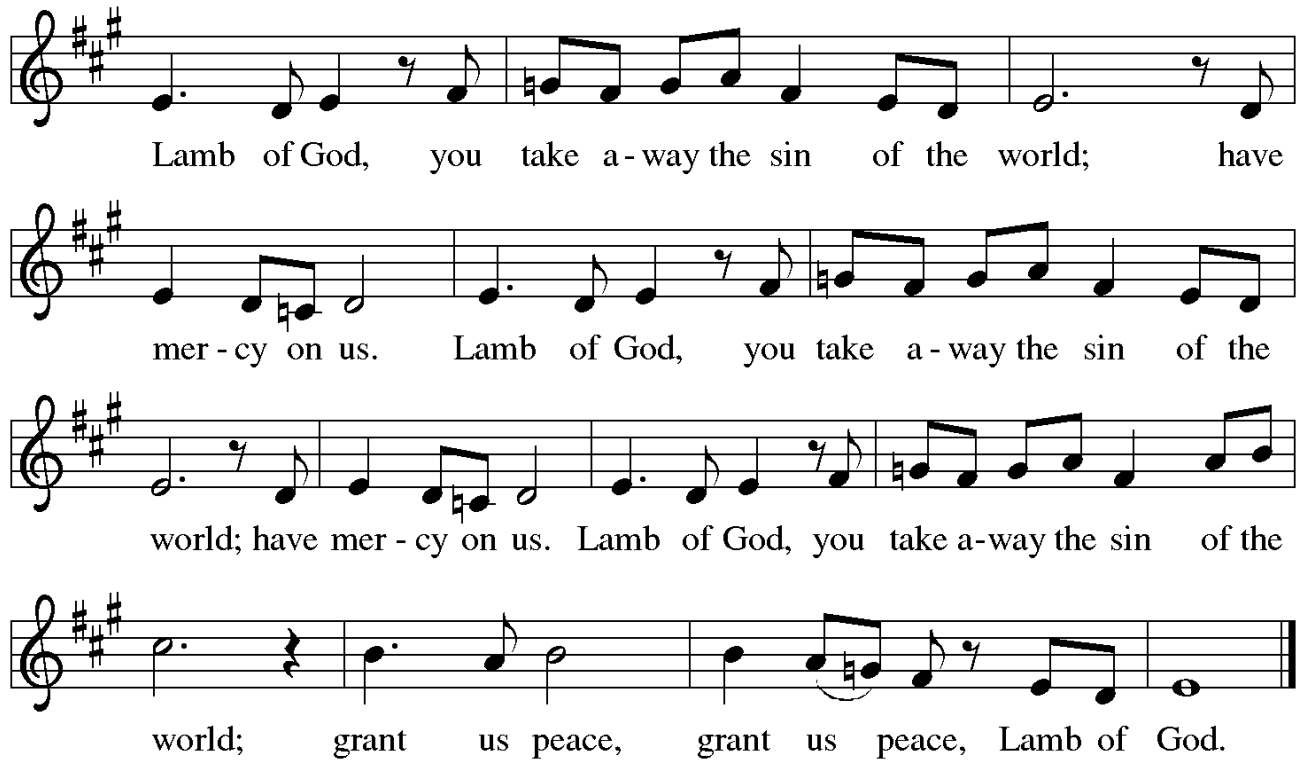
Come, eat what is good.

## **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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. Dale Wood

*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

## The trees of the field *You shall go out with joy*

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Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,

D G C G D B<sup>7</sup>

and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.

Em

There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field

B<sup>7</sup> Em/B B/A Em

will clap, will clap their hands.

D<sup>7</sup> G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

G

The trees of the field will clap their hands.

C G D

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

B Am/C C<sup>#dim</sup> B/D<sup>#</sup> Em

while you go out with joy.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

“Sortie in F major”

Cesar Franck

Reader: Elaine Harrison

Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach

Ushers: Tammy & Warren Heilman

Acolyte: Open

Greeter: Lois Neves

Altar Care: Tammy Heilman

Nursery: Open, but not staffed

Coffee Hour: Open

### January 1 - May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Income	\$140,373
Expenses	<u>\$138,404</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,969

## Weekly Offering Reports

	<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	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,187.00</b>
Vanco	
General Operating	<u>\$ 220.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 220.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,407.00</b>

	<u>June 18</u>
Loose Cash	\$ 35.00
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00
General Fund	<u>\$ 1,350.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,485.00</b>
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 1,790.50
Building	\$ 25.00
Youth	<u>\$ 25.25</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,840.75</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,325.75</b>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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.