

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024



*Whoever does the  
will of God is my  
brother and sister  
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

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UNITED by Christ, God call us to LOVE one another  
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING REFLECTION**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"You Servants of God"* ELW #825  
(Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

**GREETING**

**CANTICLE—*Glory be to Christ***

ELW page 204  
(Vs. 3)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

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### **FIRST READING—Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,  
in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the  
morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

## **SECOND READING—2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Alleluia**

**ELW page 142**

The Holy Gospel according to the third chapter of John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL—Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Samuel Mailleue**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Rise, Shine, You People!” ELW #665  
(Vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

## **APOSTLES' 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**

## **THE PRAYERS**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age especially Columba, Aiden, and Bede whom we commemorate today. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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## OFFERING

*Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

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## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*We Give Thee But Thine Own* ELW #686



## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
**you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be your name,  
    your kingdom 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.**

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## **SENDING**

*The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* ELW #860

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## POSTLUDE

### **Welcome to First Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship  
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you  
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*

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#### **Rise, Shine, You People!**

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#### **I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### June Ministry Focus is Inclusivity Awareness

**VBS**—June 10-13, 9am—3pm at Zion UCC. Additional information is located on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Space.

#### **Ecumenical Vacation Bible School Offering**

This year children and youth from our congregations will learn about kids in other parts of the world who live and work on family farms and villages and schools *where there is no electricity*.

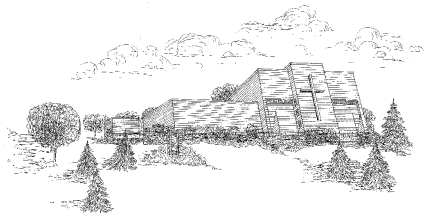
Our offering will go toward the purchase of Luci Lights, inflatable solar-powered lanterns that can be used by kids who care for livestock, read to their siblings, and draw water in early morning or evening. Our global missions partners will welcome this support.

Our goal is to “buy” at least one lantern per day of VBS. For each lantern we buy we will light one of the lanterns on the altar. The suggested offering is \$1 per day per VBS student.

**Thank you for helping us educate our kids about the importance of stewardship and missions as they grow into discipleship!**

**Fellowship Hour** today is being provided by the Kislings. A free will donation will be taken for the ELCA Youth Gathering group.

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
6-2-2024	\$4,280	\$4,548
YTD	\$95,692	\$104,600



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday, June 9	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship Blessing of the Wheels</b>
June 10– June 13		VBS
Sunday, June 16	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>

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### Worship Assistants

<b>June 9, 2024</b>		<b>June 16, 2024</b>	
Organist/Pianist:	Gordon Gregersen	Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick	First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Oliver Carlen	Acolytes:	Callie Greisen
Reader:	Edrie Barton	Reader:	Rachel Wagner
Usher:	Vic Pengilly	Usher:	John Miller
Greeters:	Kristy & Nicole Johnson	Greeters:	Kari Braun
Council Member:	Vic Pengilly	Communion Servers:	Rachel Wagner
Fellowship:	Kislings		Kari Braun
Projection:	Tech Team	Council Member:	Vic Pengilly
Audio:	Tech Team	Fellowship:	Scholarship Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack	Projection:	Tech Team
Offering Counters:	Joanne Graff	Audio:	Tech Team
	Dave Johnson	Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Keech	Offering Counters:	Bob Bartle
			John Miller
		Altar Guild:	Bonnie Keech