



The Third Sunday after Pentecost Saturday June 25, $2022 \sim 5:00$ pm Sunday, June 26, $2022 \sim 9:00$ am

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

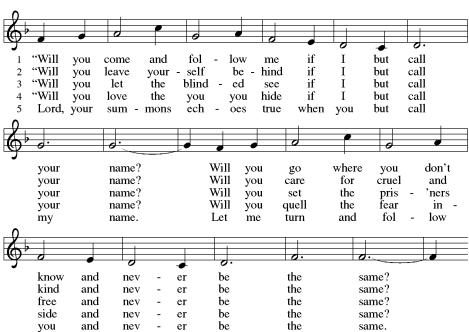
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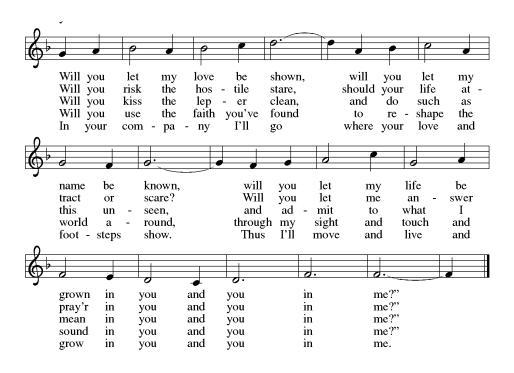
Merciful God.

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**







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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from First Kings.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

SERMON



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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.

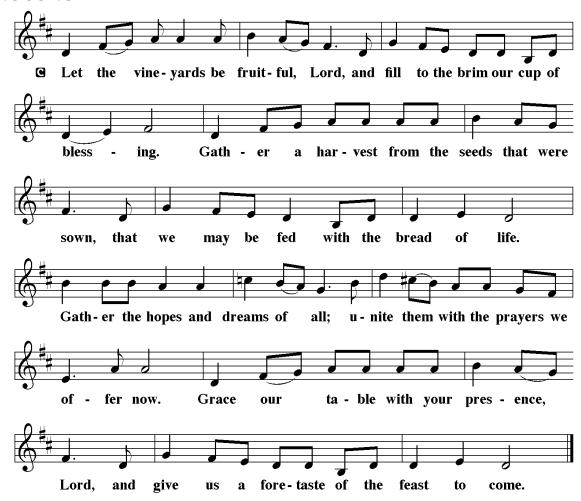
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church may be placed in the box on the table near the entrance to worship or be sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.

OFFERING SONG



OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

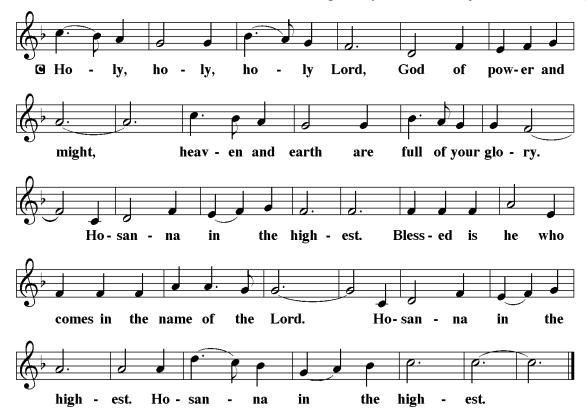
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the

grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

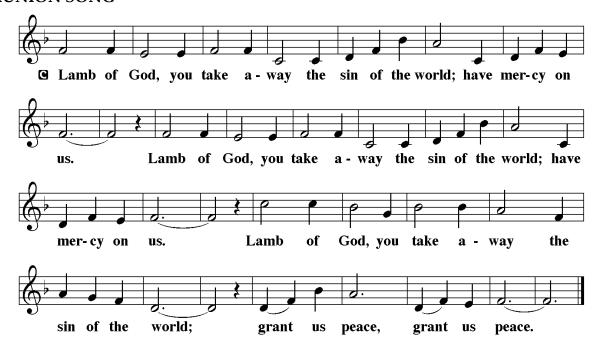
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

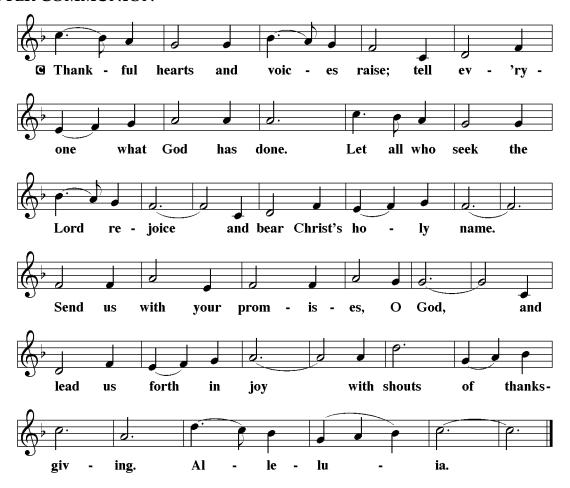
COMMUNION SONG



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

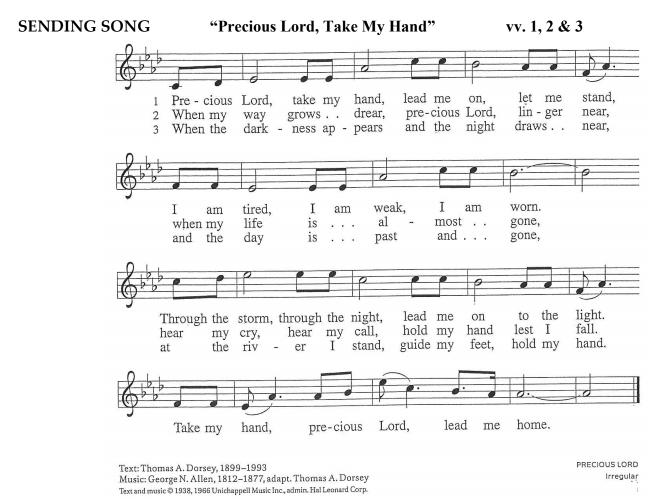
Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate Carolyn Scheibe Bob Morehead H.O. Nelson Madison Russo Patty Mixdorf Sheila Baustian Mary Flenker Melissa Alden Sally Puls Mary Ann Anderson Sue Vogel **Duane Miller** Roger Lewis Andrew Arp **Kory Winter Ed Stoltz** Kat McCain **Tim Winter** Judy Knoer Norman Harms

Jensen SpencerJan KlueverMaryAnn KuehlMichael SchaferKellyCarol JudgePeyton LangebartlesVaughn



The flowers on the altar are given by Myron & Carolyn Scheibe in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also sign up using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com



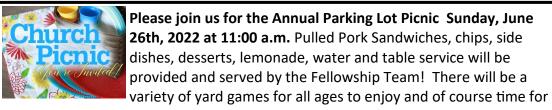
North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry 2022

Feed Our Children Ministry was established to provide a free lunch opportunity to our children in the North Scott community during the summer break. During the last two summers, the North Scott Community School District received special Federal Funding (through COVID relief) to provide meals to students during summer break. The

se special programs have ended, and the District has requested our help to meet the needs of the community once again this summer. Our goal is to provide a free, nutritious lunch to children in our community through this twice a week ministry, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 7-August 18. We will assemble lunches at Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W. LeClaire Rd, Eldridge.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THREE AREAS **

- *Volunteers: We need your help! Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunches. Preparations begin at 10:00 am in the kitchen at Faith Lutheran Church. Lunches will be ready for distribution at 11:15, in order to reach the children from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. There will also be distribution sites in Dixon, Long Grove, McCausland, Park View, Mt. Joy and Princeton. We need volunteers to pick up, deliver and distribute the lunches.
- * Supplies: We are seeking donations of sliced white bread, cheese slices, smooth peanut butter, grape jam (not jelly jam spreads better), potato chips, juice boxes or bottled water, Oreos, Rice Krispie Treats, Go-Gurts, string cheese, and fruit and applesauce cups. This year we will also include a few extra items for breakfast and snack, such as, pop tarts, fruit snacks, individual packages of cracker sandwiches, cracker and cheese snacks, mini muffins and granola bars. We also need sandwich baggies and paper lunch bags.
- * Pray, Spread the word, and Listen: Feed Our Children Ministry is successful when we actually get lunches into the hands (and bellies) of our children. Please pray for this ministry for those in need, as well as those who prepare and serve. Please share the news of this ministry in and around your neighborhood. Please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to reach children. If you hear of children in a neighborhood that could benefit from this ministry, please let us know! To volunteer or donate items, please contact Amy Powell (563-940-5880). You may also sign up at Faith or online:



fellowship! Feel free to bring a lawn chair and bug spray if you like! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex so we can plan for the event!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH		
Saturday June 25	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, June 26	9 am 11 am	Worship (Outside if weather permitting) Church Picnic
Monday, June 27	Office Closed	
Tuesday, June 28	10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Feed Our Children Bible Study Food Pantry
Wednesday, June 29	9 am	Ambassador Folding
Thursday, June 30	10:00 am	Feed Our Children
Friday, July 1	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday July 2	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, July 3	9 am 10 am	Worship Fellowship Hour Church



VBS HELP NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School will be **July 10-14** this summer!! We have a lot of fun lessons planned around the theme "Shake It Up!" **Volunteers can sign up to help on the Bulletin Board.** We look forward to a fun and exciting VBS!!