



# Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021 9:30am

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Every Eye Shall See" with "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Wyeth/Gaither/McMillian

Marsha Gullickson

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

Jamie Manzi-Moore and Marsha Gullickson

### OPENING SONG

"We Walk By Faith"

ELW# 635

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP / INVOCATION**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

(Silence is kept for reflection)

*P: Most merciful God,*

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P: Let us pray.*

**C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jenna Trenbeath

#### FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*L: Word of God. Word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recom-

pense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: *Word of God. Word of life.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Alleluia. Lord, To whom shall we go?”*

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

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.

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**GOSPEL**

Mark 4:26-34

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables

he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*P: The Gospel of our Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Erik Sevig

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“From a Distance”  
Jamie Manzi-Moore & Sandy Knight

Julie Gold arr. Dan Coates

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM—Norah Isabelle Anderson**

*Pastor: Let us hear the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ about Holy Baptism: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*  
*(Matthew 28:18-20)*

*Pastor: Let us hear with what kindness Jesus receives the children and welcomes them into the kingdom of God: People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16)*

*Pastor: Therefore, we bring our children with gratitude and faith to the Lord in Holy Baptism. We are born with the sin and guilt of humankind, but through Holy Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.*

*Pastor: (To the parents and sponsors) You who bring this child to Christ today, are to be witnesses that this child is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Together with this congregation and the whole Church, you share the holy responsibility: to pray for them and to teach them to pray, to faithfully bring them to the services of God’s house, to live among God’s faithful people, to teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, so that they may remain with Christ as they grow up, just as he is united with them in their baptism.*

*Pastor: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith?*

**Parents & Sponsors**

**I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Pastor:* (To everyone gathered) *Let us renounce the devil and confess the faith in which we baptize our children. (congregation stands)*

**People:** **I renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises.**

**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.**

The water is poured

*Pastor:* *Let us pray. Lord Jesus, you have said that no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born again by water and Spirit: we thank you that through your Word the baptismal water is a well of grace, in which we are united with you, and given a share in the victory you won by your death and resurrection. Now we come at your Word, and pray: Lord, may this new birth come through your creative Spirit. Amen.*

**Parents & Sponsors**      **We present Norah Isabelle Anderson to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*Pastor:* *According to the word and commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ, Norah Isabelle Anderson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*The sign of the cross is placed on the child's forehead*

Pastor: *Norah Isabelle Anderson, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

The baptismal candle is ignited by the Christ candle

Pastor: *Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Pastor: *(To everyone gathered) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable. (1 Peter 1:3-4)*

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYERS**

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*P: Lord in your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING / BENEDICTION**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**We are all called to be ministers—** (CCLC Mission Statement)

**Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,**

**Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,**

**Sent to share God's promises with others.**

*P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

**LITTLE RINGERS SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES** We've come to love our Little Ringers so much at CCLC! They've enhanced our worship, and have added so much to our experience. We'd like to have them participate in our summer outdoor worship services this year! If you have a child age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, please put these dates on your calendar, and sign up ahead of time on the Signup Genius. June 27, July 25 and August 22 at the 9:30am outdoor service (arrive at 9:15 to get your bells) There are no rehearsals to attend! If your child hasn't participated before, let me know ahead of time and we will take care of any questions or concerns. Jamie Manzi-Moore 952-239-6730,

[music@cclcmn.org](mailto:music@cclcmn.org)

**OPEN INVITATION TO SUMMER CHANCEL CHOIR** This summer, now that we are able to sing, we will be having choir rehearsals on some Wednesday nights during the summer, and we will sing for some Sundays for our outdoor worship! The pieces we will be singing will be beautiful and simple, and it will be a great way to find out if choir is a great ministry for you! Our first rehearsals will be on June 16 and 23 at 6:30pm, and our first Sunday to sing will be June 27 at the 9:30am outdoor service. If you'd like to participate, or if you have any questions, please contact Jamie Manzi-Moore at 952-239-6730 or

[music@cclcmn.org](mailto:music@cclcmn.org) .

**SPECIAL ADULT SERIES** Please join the "Just Us" committee for a special adult forum series after worship services this June. The group meets at 10:30am in the Meeting Room.

**DONATION UPDATE** If you would like to send checks in support of our four core service partners (or other special events) at CCLC, please make the check out to "Community of the Cross Lutheran Church" or "CCLC" and use the MEMO LINE of the check to designate which charity you wish to support. Effective immediately, Highland Bank will only allow us to deposit checks made out to "Community of the Cross Lutheran Church" or "CCLC". Thank-you for your continued support!

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

### FOR HEALTH/WELLBEING:

- Sue Metsala
- Watson Christman, great grandson of Rick and Sandy Knight
- Linda Shultz, sister of Jim Shultz
- Lindsey Clark, daughter of Ron and Pat Nelson
- Dwight Penas, son-in-law of Elaine Thurston
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Ryan Van Riper
- Mark Teslow, son of Dave & Kay Teslow

### IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYER FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Jody Hansen, Kirk & Melissa Hansen, Larry & Jane Hansen, Jeff & Elisabeth Harkner, Edith Harley