



4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ELW - Setting 3 10:30 AM June 25, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP GATHERING PRAYER

<u>Leader</u>: Creator, we give thanks for the knowledge you give to us through all the traditions of the world. Help us to honour the gifts that each tradition offers.

All: We seek to take the path of love.

<u>Leader</u>: We give thanks for the east, for the sun that rises to begin each new day.

We give thanks for new life, for youth. We give thanks for new learning and new experiences.

<u>All</u>: We seek to take the path of love.

Leader: We give thanks for the south, for the growth of the summertime in our lives,

for the teachings to be kind to ourselves and others.

Help us, who are elders, love and respect children and youth. Help us to care for the elderly and those who cannot care for

All: We seek to take the path of love.

<u>Leader</u>: We give thanks for the west, for the understanding of how to care for the earth.

Creator, help us to use this understanding to bring joy and new life to the world.

All: We seek to take the path of love.

<u>Leader</u>: We give thanks for the north. Help us to receive gifts of wisdom and new perspectives from all peoples. Help us to grow our roots of compassion deeper as we journey.

<u>All</u>: Together we will take the path of love for ourselves and for each other. Amen.

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themselves.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG: "God Welcomes All"

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21 SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus" #451

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p. 142

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Before the Waters Nourished Earth"

#1049 ACS

#692

#978 ACS

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Gracious God – receive our prayer"

SHARING THE PEACE, p. 143

<u>Leader</u>: The peace of Christ be with you always. **All:** And also with you.

OFFERING COLLECTION

OFFERTORY SONG: "We Are an Offering"

OFFERING PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER, p. 145

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "Take My Life and Let It Be" #583

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

<u>Leader</u>: Go in peace. Share the good news. **All:** Thanks be to God.

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Thank you to our lector Marlene Trenouth, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, ushers Dawn & Rose Ingram, and technical support Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 38



Offering & Income for June to date: \$12,823

PAR: 4762; Rent: \$1,855

June expense to date: \$22,497 Monthly budget need: \$21,775 Echo, Tyrel, and Inara would appreciate your presence (yes, you!) as they celebrate Inara's baptism on July 2nd during the Jazz Service. Cake (courtesy of our own Pat Blakley) and coffee to be served afterwards. The Jazz Service will feature the Hosanna Jazz Liturgy composed by Pastors David Hunter and Dennis Hendricksen and played by musicians Sheldon Corbett (saxophone), Glenn Ens (drums), Kim Salkeld (piano) and Bruce Wilkinson (bass).

At **7pm each Wednesday** this summer, we'll be **celebrating creation and community with Evening or Night Prayer** and some music on the front lawn of the church. We'll try out Holden, the service in All Creation Sings, and Anglican Compline, at least. Bring a chair – or grab one from the basement – a willingness to try something new, and maybe even a friend (or a few) for a 20-minute service followed by some refreshments and an opportunity to visit. **Our first service will be Wednesday, July 5th, at 7pm.** Come join us around the fire!

If you are interested in helping lead the services and responses, please let Rev. Alexa know after a service or email her at Rev.AlexaWallace@gmail.com. There is no pressure.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief has joined its partners in the Humanitarian Coalition in calling on all Canadians to pray for the millions facing hunger, conflict, and the effects of climate change *in East Africa*, and to give generously in support of the needs of all those affected. The *Canadian government is matching donations until June 30th*, so the impact of your gift will double! Donate today at **clwr.org/eastafrica** or call **1-800-661-2597** (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CDT).

Our Parish Calendar		
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Cello Recital
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Jazz Service & Baptism

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First Reading - Genesis 21:8-21

⁸THE CHILD [ISAAC] GREW, AND WAS WEANED; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Second Reading - Romans 6:1b-11

¹⁸SHOULD WE CONTINUE IN SIN IN ORDER THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives,

he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel – Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE THE TEACHER, NOR A SLAVE ABOVE THE MASTER; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Thank you for sharing in worship here today.

May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,
a source of strength and hope.

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Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together
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