

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4th, 2021

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Jacob Smetters

(piano)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you by placing a hand on your chest and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

If you are online, you may share the peace in our comment section.

Call to Worship – "God of Our Fathers" LBW 567

(organ)

- 1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.**
- 2 Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.**
- 3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

- 4 **Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.**

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – “Spirit of the Living God”

(piano)

Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Reader: Barb Davenport

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon – “What if Jesus Came to Church Today?”

Song of Day – “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling” LBW 381 *(organ)*

- 1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I. Send me, send me”?**
- 2 **If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus; you can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,
you can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.**
- 3 **If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,
pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,
with your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.**
- 4 **Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
while the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you, “Here am I. Send me, send me!”**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Stewardship Time

Take time to reflect on how you have been called to be a good steward through giving, serving, and loving. How can you give at this time to those in need? How can you serve by helping others or reaching out in your own home and community? How can you show God's love? If you would like to support our ministry, you may mail a check or give on our website (www.faithlutheranjacksonville.com).

*Solo by Jacob Smetters
(piano)*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

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.

Communion Songs

"Give Thanks"

(piano)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Repeat**
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" WOV 756 *(organ)*

**1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:**

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

**2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: *Refrain***

**3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: *Refrain***

**4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: *Refrain***

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: *Refrain***

Post-Communion Blessing and the Benediction

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song – “Go and Do”

(piano)

**Go and do as I have done for you. Go and do as I have said!
Go and do as I have done for you. And they will know you by your love,
they will know you by your love,
they will know you by the things you go and do!**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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