

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Aug. 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Aug. 7, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!
John 3:16-17

We invite you to fill out the Member/Guest Connection Card.
You may place it in the offering plate as you leave today.

Prelude

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place *Johannus Brahms*

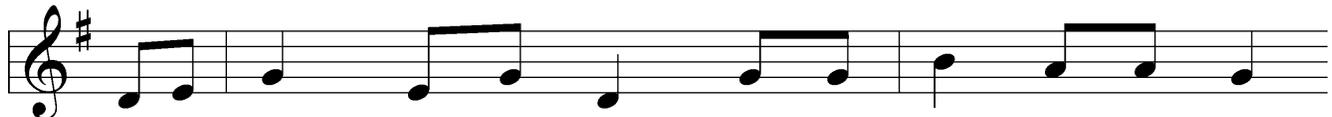
Welcome

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation *LSB 728*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* Confession and Absolution

Luke 12:32

Leader: Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

All: We confess, heavenly Father, that 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: 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 mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

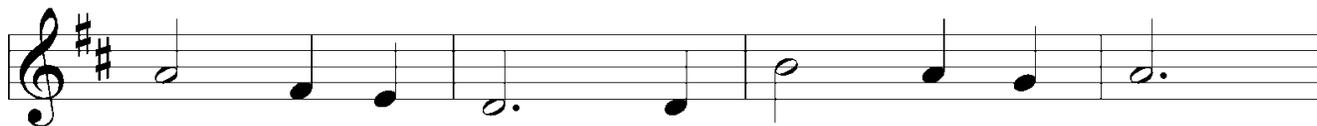


C A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Leader: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



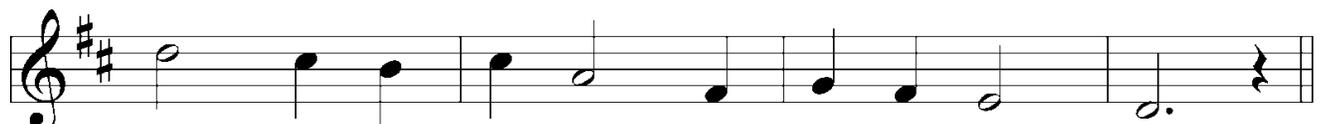
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



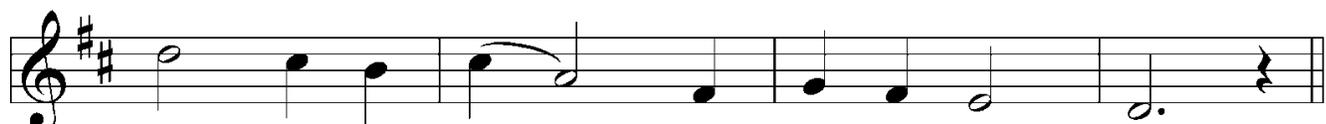
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



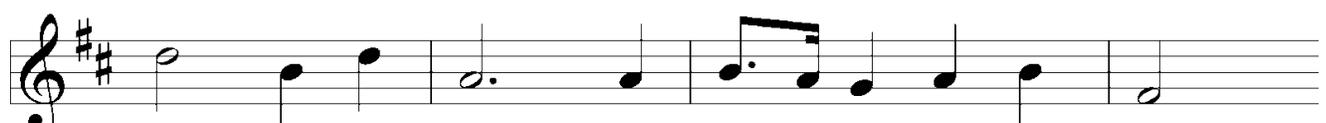
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



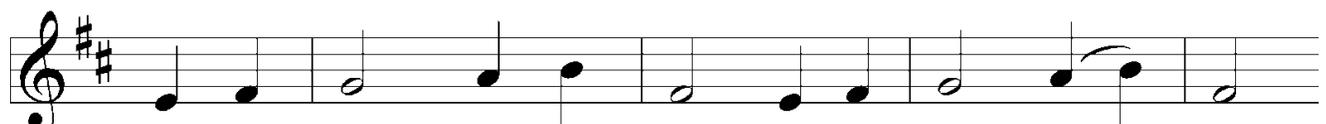
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*** Prayer of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6 *NIV*

God tells Abram he will have a large family and, through one offspring, countless inheritors of His promises.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 15th chapter of Genesis.

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16 *NIV*

People of faith before us are examples for us.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 11th Chapter of Hebrews.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

*** Alleluia and Verse**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** Holy Gospel**

Luke 12:22–34 NIV

Jesus encourages us to not fear, for God knows what we truly need.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out,

a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock *LSB 735*



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

* Catechism

The First Article

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: What does this mean?

All: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all

danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

*** Prayer of the Church**

Genesis 15:1; Psalm 33:22; Hebrews 11:1; Luke 12:22, 32

Leader: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. God said, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield." Let us pray for everyone who faces this day in fear.

Leader: We join our prayers with everyone imprisoned unjustly, terrorized in lawless areas on earth, or trapped in painful illnesses. Gracious God, strengthen the faith they have or open their hearts to receive the Gospel; give them courage to act where it is wise and to know Your peace and protection amid unchanging circumstances. Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on." Let us pray for all people who do not have adequate food, clothing, or shelter.

Guide governments, expand relief agencies, and inspire caring individuals of our communities, nation, and world so they may be Your instruments, O God, to provide what their citizens and neighbors need for life. Through their actions, provide relief and calm the anxiety of the poor, dispossessed, and lonely; grant that they give You the glory. Meet their needs as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Leader: Jesus asserted, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Let us pray for the Church here and around the world. Grant us growth in faith and numbers, Lord Jesus, as we

gather to hear Your Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and love the people around us. Wherever the Church is found on earth, raise up leaders to proclaim the Gospel and faithful people to exhibit their faith in Your promises and the inheritance You have promised. Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Leader: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Let us pray for people who do not see the results of their labors in the lives of other people. Heavenly Father, strengthen and support farmers awaiting harvest, ranchers providing food and pasture for their flocks, shopkeepers greeting clients, all who work from home, those in offices, and those working in factories. Grant them a vision of their wider roles to provide harvests, supplies, and products to meet the needs of people they cannot see. Grant them a willingness to serve You by faith as they use their talents and abilities together with so many others. Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Leader: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

* Words of Institution

* Peace of the Lord

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

All: **And also with you.**

* Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



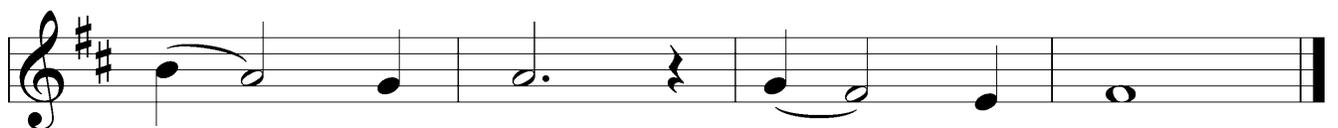
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. You may follow the direction of the usher. We invite those who are not communing to receive a blessing by crossing their arms when standing before the bread host. The wine will be offered by individual cups. Please place empty individual cups in the glass bowls in front of the aisles. Those preferring non-alcoholic wine may take the individual cups from the center of each tray. Those needing a gluten free wafer may request one from the bread host.

Music during Distribution

Your Table I Approach *LSB 628*



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

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* Post-Communion Dismissal

* Post-Communion Cantic



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*** Post-Communion Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray together,

All: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*** Benediction**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.

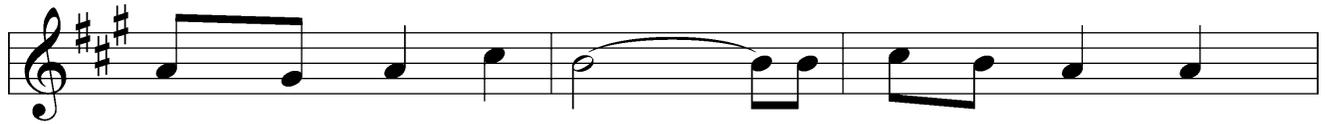
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All:  A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight LSB 720

1 We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight,	No
2 We	may	not	touch	His	hands	and	side,	Nor
3 Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	And
4 For	You,	O	res	-	ur -	rect -	ed Lord,	Are
5 Lord,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His 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 We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - jice 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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Postlude

Trumpet Tune *David German*

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WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

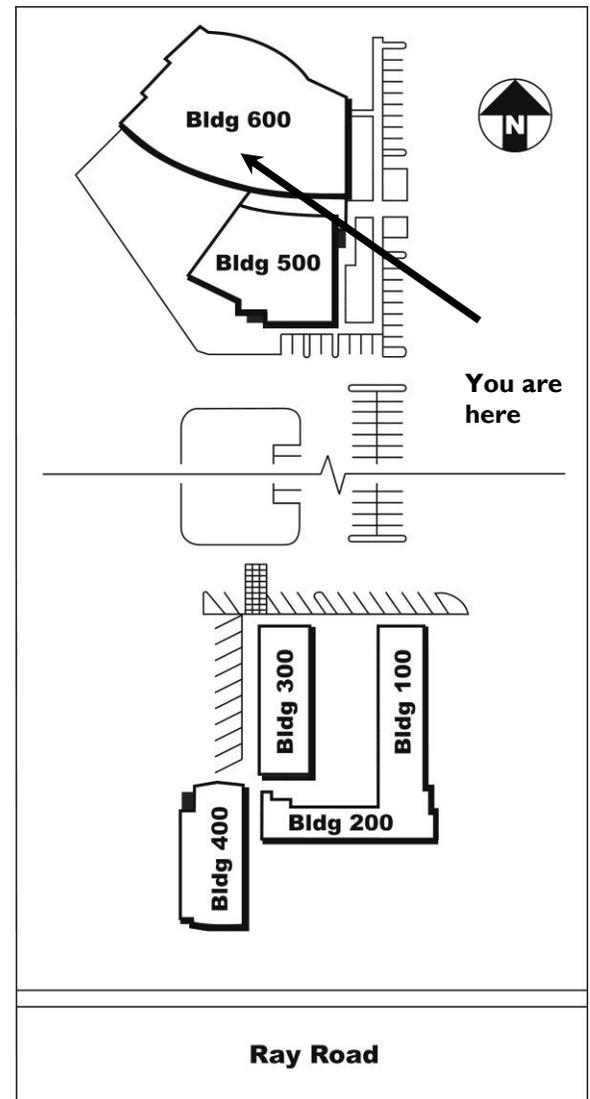
Sunday • 11:00 a.m.

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
 - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
 - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
 - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
 - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
 - Conference Rooms
 - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

