

Our Tree of Life



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

ELW SETTING FOUR



July 9, 2023

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **C: Amen.**

P: Merciful God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: Righteous God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water...in the name of † Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'Jesus Shall Reign' vs. 1, 2, & 4

#434

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793.

Greeting

pg. 147

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.**

1 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9, Composed by Richard Hillert, ©2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg Fortress.

Prayer of the Day: P: You are great, O God, **C: and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 145:8-14

ELW Psalm 145

L: ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: ⁹ Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

L: ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C: ¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

L: ¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

L: ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

NT pg. 120

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Special Music

'On Eagle's Wings'

Ray Ogdahl

Accompanied by Carol Ydstie. Song by Michael Joncas.

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....' pg. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Text & Music: ©1999 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. Contributors: Robin Cain

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NT pg. 9

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon

Pastor Denise Fossen

Hymn of the Day 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say' #611

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889. Music: English folk tune.

Apostle's Creed p. 105

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.

Installation of Council & Board Members

P: The following people have been *elected* [by the congregation] to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we

rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

A reading from *First Corinthians*: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

The specific duties of those being installed as outlined in the constitution may be read, or the following or similar words may be said.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Installed Members' Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? *If so, respond:*

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: I now declare you installed as *officers / council members* of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

P: ... O, God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Christ, Be Our Light' vs. 1, 2, & 5 #715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(Refrain): Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957. Music: Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP Publications.

Offertory Prayer

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) pg. 152

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.

'Holy, Holy, Holy' pg. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer pg. 154

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.

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymn: 'Lamb of God' pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn: 'Just a Closer Walk With Thee' #697

(Refrain): Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (Refrain)

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. (Refrain)

Text & Music: North American traditional

Distribution Hymn: 'Lord of All Hopefulness' #765

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953. Text © Oxford University Press 1931. Music: Irish Traditional.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

#545

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**
- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt. Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

Bells, Postlude


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Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

If you have pastoral needs, please call Pastor Denise anytime at 763-516-2026.


Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for June: \$23,275.18. Here is what we received: \$16,183.83. We deficit spent \$7,091.35. This resulted in a transfer from Operating Reserves of \$10,000. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net. 


Today we are installing our New Council Members. Please come to welcome our new and returning members to our council! Our new members voted are Michelle Bauer (Board of Lay Ministry), Sara Wollschlager (board of Christian Ed), Dale Price & Glenn Berdan (Board of Church Properties), and Marge Dragseth (Board of Evangelism).

There will be an open house bridal shower for Rachel Mork, bride to be of Jordan Thorson, on Saturday, July 15th at 11:00 am, at the Ortonville Community Center (200 Monroe Avenue). They are registered at Target, Walmart, and Amazon.

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office if you are willing to help. If no one volunteers we may not be able to have coffee fellowship after our services. 

We are seeking to fill the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@firstenglish.net.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tuesday, July 18th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Sally Hjelle of Savage, MN. Her topic is "Accentuate the Positive...Eliminate the Negative." Special feature will be Larry Helgeson of Ortonville. The museum is a gold mine of treasures and Larry will expound on a few. Special music will be provided by Jason Helgeson. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at 605-862-8570 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Glenn Berdan; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Clara Zeek; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office. 

REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website at www.firstenglish.net and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

This Week's Ministry Assistants— July 9th

Organist: Marilyn Hanson **Lector:** Chris Petersen
Tech Desk: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson **Acolytes:** Brianna & Madilyn
Ushers: Glenn Henningson, Ron Athey, Art Vollmer, & Larry Dahle
Greeters: Bruce & Kristi Redfield **Coffee Servers:** Schmeichel & Weber
Lay Assistants: Jim Foster & Terry Kalberg **FWV:** Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— July 16th

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Lector:** Lois Bergeson
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Acolytes:** Chase & Ava
Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Dick & Marla Strei
Greeters: Scott & Julie Schneider **Coffee Servers:** Nornes

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 7/9 9:00 am Worship – Communion – Installation of New Council
Members – KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Prerecorded

Mon – 7/10 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 7/11 8:30 am Day of Love
12:00 pm Executive Committee
4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

Wed – 7/12 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
5:15 pm Endowment Meeting
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast
6:00 pm Finance Meeting

Fri – 7/14 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 7/16 9:00 am Worship – Favorite Hymns – KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship



July 9, 2023, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Patient God, so often we fail to understand your words, your actions, your call to us. Call us back into your loving embrace, and set our feet firmly on the path you have called us to walk, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus acknowledges there's a lot of misunderstanding about who he is. But instead of giving up on the people, he invites them to come to him and know him more deeply—to learn from him a new and different way.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What burdens are you shouldering today? What might happen if you gave those to Jesus and let your shoulders rest?

For the littles: Where is your favorite place to rest? How does it feel to rest?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God lighten your burdens. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Give your brain and body a rest. Take 3-5 minutes every day this week to meditate. Use an app like *Calm* or *Simple Habits*, or simply breathe.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25

Tuesday, Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday, Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17

Thursday, Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16

Friday, Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21

Saturday, Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50