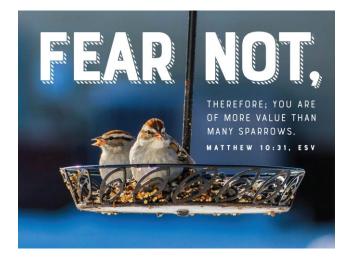
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

<u>Missouri Synod</u>

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023 Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151 **10:30am – livestreamed** on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>



AS WE GATHER

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises.

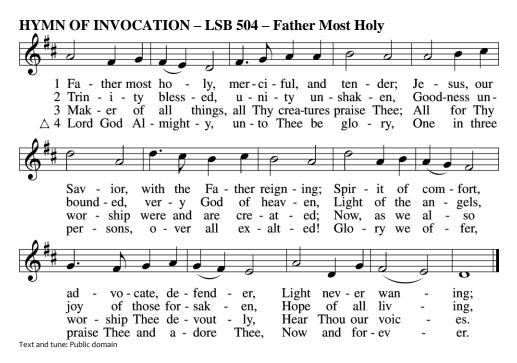
In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He "delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers" (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the "free gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to "fear not." The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress.

The world around us won't change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn't change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

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+ + + GATHERING + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Father Most Holy* (arr. Gerhard Krapf)



INVOCATION

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. 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.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

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INTROIT - Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v. 13

- For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.
- C When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?
- C In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **C** Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that

we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С

Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 20:7-13 – Jeremiah's complaint and God's assurance.

⁷O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived: then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy

from the hand of evildoers.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

A Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

SECOND LESSON - Romans 6:12-23 - Alive in Christ

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

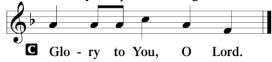
¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 – Warnings and promises as Jesus sends out the Twelve P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

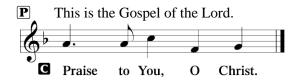


⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

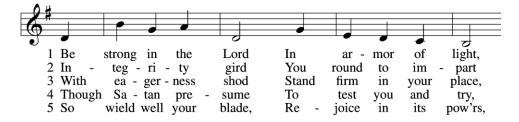
²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do 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? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."



8 am – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 665 - Be Strong in the Lord



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With hel - met and sword,	With shield for the fight;
The truth of His Word	As truth in your heart;
Or go forth for God	With news of His grace;
In hel - met and plume	Your head shall be high;
Fight on un - dis - mayed	For Je - sus is ours!
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On prover he de non dent	Do halt ad and shad
On prayer be de - pen - dent,	Be belt - ed and shod,
His righ-teous-ness wear - ing No foe shall dis - arm you	As breast-plate of mail, Nor force you to yield,
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Be - set by temp - ta - tion	Be true to your Lord,
Then in Him vic - to - rious	Your ar - mor lay down,
In breast - plate re - splen - dent:	The ar - mor of God.
His vic - to - ry shar - ing,	Be strong to pre - vail.
No ar - row can harm you	With faith as your shield.
Your hel - met sal - va - tion	And Scrip - ture your sword.
To praise, ev - er glo - rious,	His cross and His crown.
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SERMON - Faith in Extremis - Matthew 10:5a-21-33

8 am – APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

10:30 am & 5 pm - NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

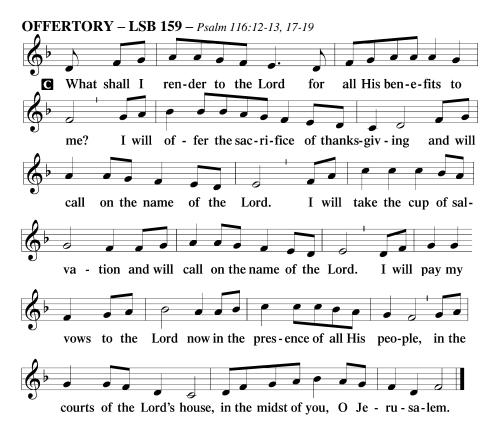
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- **A** ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

OFFERING - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (arr. Kevin J. Sadowski)

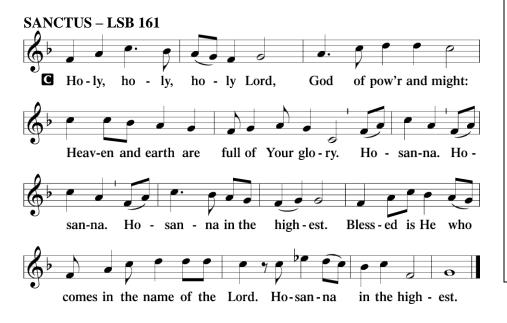


8 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (*page 11*) and concludes with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (*page 15*).

+++ + SACRAMENT +++ beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

- **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 Him thanks and praise.
- ▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



<u>For Guests and</u> <u>Visitors Desiring the</u> Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself** is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe**, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

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- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

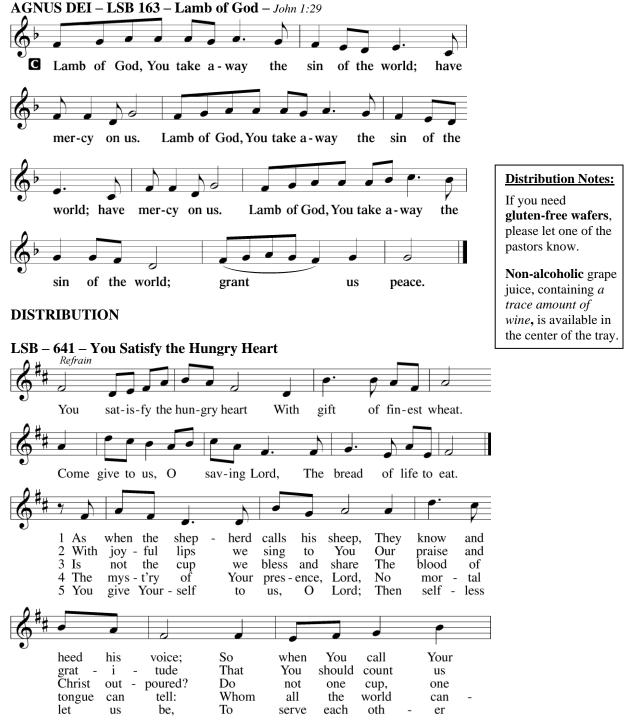
WORDS OF OUR LORD

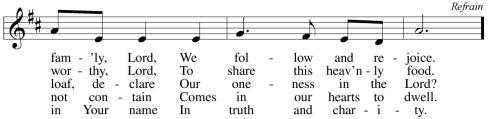
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

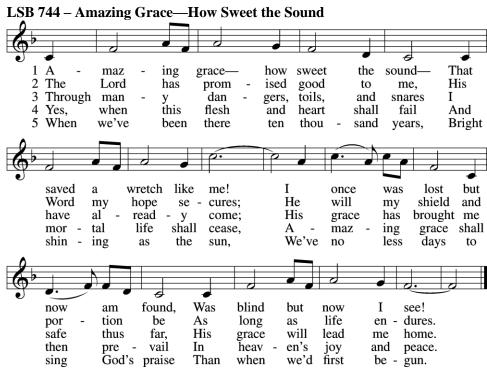
PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.

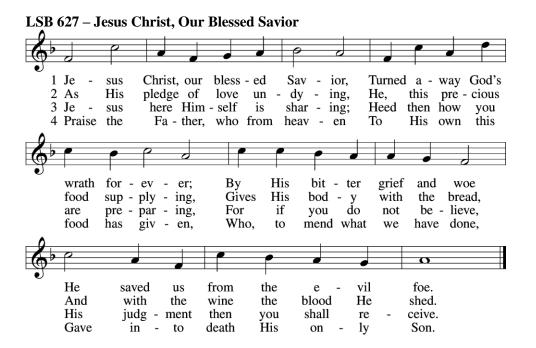




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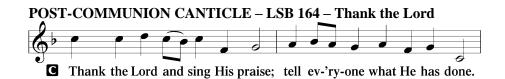
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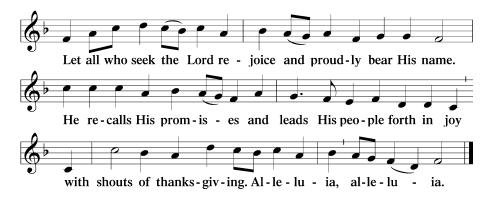


- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter laborWere the cost of God's high favor;Do not come if you supposeYou need not Him who died and rose.
- Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and +→ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 659 - Lord of Our Life

1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your 3 Lord, be our light when world -ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your
night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your with great spite their shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when Church, our trou-bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its
Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, hell it - self as - sails us, end - less war is wag - ing, Text and tune: Public domain

SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC - Lord of Our Life (arr. Johannes H. E. Koch)

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Dave & Carol Ebeling** in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

TODAY 9:15am Adult study: *God's Work through Water and the Word*

Wednesday, June 28 6:30am Breakfast Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount Cloverleaf South Restaurant (Winslow Plaza). Come hungry!

Saturday, July 1 1:00pm Memorial Service for Charlotte Reese

NEXT Sunday, July 2

9:15am Special presentation by <u>Rev. Charles Ferry</u> – *Asia Regional Director for the LCMS* – who will also be preaching at both morning services.

Saturday, July 15 11:00am-1:00pm Playground Tent Event (including Preschool Open House and Silent Auction)

Sunday, August 6 Christian Education Sunday

Sunday, August 20 3:00pm annual Church Picnic

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