



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Worship

July 3rd, 2022

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* GREETING 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.**

* Green #463 GATHERING HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" page 5

* CONFESSION Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

* FORGIVENESS Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, **you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

The believers continue to sell their belongings and share with others within the church. One couple is noted to have tried to cheat the faithful, resulting in deadly consequences for them. The Holy Spirit empowers the apostles to speak with conviction and to heal the sick. Such power brings more and more people to believe, while some Jewish leaders become jealous and want the voices of the apostles silenced. A reading from the Book of Acts, chapter 5, beginning in verse 12.

²Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. ¹⁶A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

¹⁷Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, ¹⁸arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, ²⁰Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life. ²¹When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. ²⁵Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" ²⁶Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷When (the temple police) had brought (the apostles), they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. ³⁵Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. ³⁶For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared.

^{39b}They were convinced by him, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. ⁴²And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

[What truth about God might the Spirit be leading you or us to proclaim to the world? How can we do that faithfully and courageously?]

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GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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 into hell.* 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**)

*NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – by going on our website (www.sothem.org) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!*

* OFFERING PRAYER We freely give **back to God what was first given to us, in order to grow and build God's kingdom. With gratitude and thanksgiving Lord, we offer you our time, energy, skills, and the things we treasure. Receive the gifts we bring, in the name of Jesus Christ, our strength and our Savior. Amen.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING The God of peace, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

* Green # 566 SENDING HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" page 7

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY:	10:00am	Worship with Communion
Monday	<i>Independence Day</i> -	Office Closed
	7pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Friday:	10-Noon	Food Pantry
Sunday:	10:00am	Worship

SUMMER GIVING CHALLENGE Generous donors have established a SUMMER CHALLENGE to help encourage giving and work towards reducing our current deficit. They are willing to match up to **\$2,000** in giving that is **above your normal giving!** Any offerings/donations marked "SUMMER CHALLENGE" (also available on Online GIVE PLUS) given **between June 21, 2022 and August 31, 2022** will be doubled up to the \$2,000 limit.

[NOTE: *If you'd like to participate by INCREASING that challenge amount, please contact Pastor Mary or Barb Vadnais.*]

VBS FLYERS/REGISTRATION FORMS available for **Make a Splash with Jesus" Aug. 1st-4th 6-8pm** 3-year-olds through incoming 6th graders.

Looking for 7th-12th graders and adult volunteers. Contact Jaime Folczyk (715-821-0796) or Holly Sweeney (715-456-6960). Thu. 8/4th we will be having a POOL PARTY at Wakanda Park in Menomonie.

LUTHER PARK REALLY COULD USE SOME HELP WITH THEIR STAFFING. They are *very, very short* staffed...needing camp nurse, a counselor, or support staff. They are looking for short-term help (individuals able to help out for a week or two) or summer-long help. High school youth can help as support staff. Contact Keith Newman at keith@lutherpark.org or at 715-859-2245

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM. *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

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