



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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Worship

July 17th, 2022

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

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* Blue #756 GATHERING HYMN "*Lord You Give the Great Commission*" page 5

* 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.**

* 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 tend to turn in towards ourselves and only our needs. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Remind us how you have set us 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 Eternal God, **you draw near to us in Christ, and you have called us to be part of what you are doing in the world. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, and seek to know your will and way for us. Amen.**

GROWING

⁷ Where could I go to get away from your spirit?

Where could I go to escape your presence?

⁸ If I went up to heaven, you would be there.

If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!

⁹ If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—

¹⁰ **even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight!**

The angry mob of Jews who opposed Stephen's message about Jesus, dragged him out of the Holy City to stone him to death. Those who witnessed the actions of this murderous mob laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul, a man determined to silence messengers like Stephen. Hear about his next steps, and how Jesus stopped Saul before he entered the city of Damascus to arrest people of 'The Way'. Saul's story reminds us that Jesus may lead us down unexpected pathways in life, so that we can share the Good News he offers us. A reading from the Book of Acts, chapter 9.

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

Blue #649 HYMN OF THE DAY "*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*" page 6

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.**)

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* 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.**

* Blue #776 SENDING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" 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	7pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6pm	Food Pantry
	* 6pm	*VBS Meeting in church basement (NEW TIME/LOCATION)
Friday:	10-Noon	Food Pantry
Sunday:	10:00am	Worship
Monday	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting

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 **\$4,000** 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 \$4,000 limit.

NEXT VBS PLANNING MEETING **TUES. 7/19 6pm in the church basement (NEW DATE/LOCATION)** Adults, young adults and teens needed to help lead, assist and be Group Leaders to move with a small group of kids from station to station. **Come to the meeting to learn about our lessons, how the small groups work and more!** Looking for Incoming 6th-12th graders and adult volunteers

VBS FLYERS/REGISTRATION FORMS available for **Make a Splash with Jesus” Aug. 1st-4th 6-8pm** 3-year-olds through incoming 6th graders. **Thu. 8/4th we will be having a POOL PARTY at Wakanda Park in Menomonie.** Looking for 7th-12th graders and adult volunteers. Contact Jaime Folczyk (715-821-0796) or Holly Sweeney (715-456-6960)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY and POTLUCK Thur., 7/27 10am in the church basement, feel free to bring a dish to share. No Bible Study experience required. Copies of the study are in the church Gathering Place, or can be emailed to you if you contact Pastor Mary at meide@luthersem.edu We will be using the *Gather* July 2022 Session #2 Bible study, for those who have a subscription to the magazine.

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Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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