



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 23, 2024, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Pastor Erik Rundquist

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*"We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ's love with each other and our community."*

### Welcome to Worship this morning!

To receive Holy Communion, you may come to the front and receive the bread and wine or grape juice, you may ask an usher to have the pastor bring the elements to you in the pew, or you may pick up the cup/wafer in the narthex before the service and commune yourself at your seat.

Reminder: We are videoing "live."

Please sign the pew pad and pass down the aisle. Thank You.

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Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

### Hymn

### "When Peace Like a River"

Red Worship Book# 785

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson**

**Job 38:1-11**

**Carole Lahti**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

**Carole Lahti**

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

**C: Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

P: gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C: Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.**

P: They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.

**C: Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

P: They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.

P: They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.

P: Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

**C: You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

P: Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**C: Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

P: Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Carole Lahti

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,  
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way,  
so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every  
way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,  
sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful  
speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor  
and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet  
are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always  
rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our  
affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia.....”

Red Worship Book pg. 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**C: Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)**

Red Worship Book pg. 143

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the  
crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great  
windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in  
the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are  
perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased,  
and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were  
filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 143

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

**Children’s Sermon**

Pastor Erik Rundquist

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of Day** “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

Red Worship Book# 763

1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that  
hails a new creation.

**Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

## Nicene Creed

Red Worship Book pg. 104

### Prayers of Intercession

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

P: Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling (*especially*). Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering/Song****“As the Grains of Wheat”****Red Worship Book# 465**

*Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**Offering Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving****Red Worship Book pg. 144****Preface****Holy, Holy, Holy****Red Worship Book pg. 144****Words of Institution****The Lord’s Prayer****Red Worship Book pg. 145****Distribution of Holy Communion**

*This is the gift of God for all people without exception of faith tradition or age.*

*We provide gluten free bread and grape juice at your request.*

**Communion Hymn****“You Are Holy”****Red Worship Book #525**

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

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**Communion Hymn****“God Extends an Invitation”****Red Worship Book# 486**

God extends an invitation to the table of creation, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we gather in thanksgiving and we offer all our living. Here the feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Text: Miria T. Kolling; Spanish and English tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

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**Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn****“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”****Red Worship #773**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows ...drear, precious Lord. Linger near, when my life is...almost...gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws...near, and the day is ...past and ...gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*the worship is ended ... let the service begin...*



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## **Announcements for June 23rd**

**\*\*The Noisy offering for the month of June is for Pastor's Discretionary Fund\*\***



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Joe Cappuccino, family of Jon Youngblom, Karen Johnson, Vernon Zehms (brother of Joyce Seegebarth), Allie, Mya and Morgan (daughter and grand babies of Rebecca Wizek), Richard Holmberg (brother of Sue Skalicky), Bob Kinblom, Tom Williams (brother of Robin Hendrix), David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, and Judy Smith.

**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, Policemen & women,  
and the military. For all those who serve to protect.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke**

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## **Announcements/Calendar**

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship.

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

**Thurs.** 7 am Men's Coffee; 7:30 am Men's Text Study.

**Sat.** 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship; Congregational Potluck Meal after Worship.

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If you are interested in joining the church, there will be a New Member Class Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

Please contact Pastor Erik or the church office.



New Member Class