

Living Waters

Lutheran Church

Reaching Out and Sharing God's Love!

July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Blessing of the Pets



www.livingwaterslutheran.org

Welcome to Outdoor Worship at Living Waters!

Please pick up communion elements before worship begins. Offering gifts, pet food and/or VBS donations can be placed on the carts as you enter the outdoor worship space. Please make sure your 4-legged friends remain leashed during the service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

WELCOME

Pastor Ivy Huston

INVOCATION *(sung call/response):*

In the name of the father **(In the name of the Father)**

In the name of the son **(In the name of the Son)**

In the name of the spirit **(In the name of the Spirit)**

The three in one **(The three in one)**

SONG 1

“Fill My Cup and Let It Overflow”

Refrain

Fill my cup and let it overflow

Fill my cup and let it overflow

(Oh Yeah!)

Fill my cup and let it overflow

Let it overflow with love.

Verse 1

Amazing Grace how sweet the
sound (hmhhh)

That saved a wretch like me (oh
yeah)

Once was lost but now I am found

Was blind but now I see *(Refrain)*

Verse 2

Jesus loves me this I know
(hmhhh)

For the Bible tells me so (oh
yeah!)

Little ones to him belong

We are weak but he is strong

(Refrain)

SONG 2

“Seek Ye First”

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness

and all these things will be
added unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto
you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be
opened unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

Verse 3

We do not live by bread alone
but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth
of the Lord

Allelu, Alleluia

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, Scripture tells us that your word is written on our hearts, but we struggle to hear it. Is it possible that we have covered up your words with our own self-narratives? Is it possible that we have erased your truth to write our own? Is it possible that we have forgotten your words entirely?

All: Take us back to the beginning. Remove the self-talk that distracts. Clear away the cobwebs of doubt. Show us how to look inside ourselves for your truth and then write on our hearts once more. We are listening. We are hopeful. We are here. Speak now. Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 1: 20-31 (MSG)

Jim Danhoff

God spoke: “Swarm, ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!” God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, and every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good. God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean! Birds, reproduce on Earth!” It was evening, it was morning — Day Five.

God spoke: “Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals — all kinds.” And there it was: wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good. God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.” God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.” Then God said, “I’ve given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth and every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food. To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.” And there it was. God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning — Day Six.

LESSON: Job 12: 7-10 (NIV)

Jim Danhoff

⁷“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; ⁸or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you.⁹ Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? ¹⁰In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

MESSAGE

Pastor Ivy Huston

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

<p>Verse 1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. <i>Refrain</i></p>	<p>Verse 2 The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. <i>Refrain</i></p>
<p>Verse 3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev’ry one. <i>Refrain</i></p>	<p>Verse 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. <i>Refrain</i></p>

BLESSING OF PETS

SONG

“All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir”

Chorus

*All God’s critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low, some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or
anything they got now.*

Verse 1

Listen to the bass, its the one on the bottom
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
moans and groans with a big t’do
and the old cow just goes MOOOOOO. *Chorus*

Verse 2

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
while the honey bee hums and the crickets fiddle
the donkey brays and the pony neighs and the
old coyote howls! *Chorus*

Verse 3

Listen to the top where the little birds sing
on the melodies with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
and the jay bird disagrees. *Chorus*

Verse 4

Singing in the night time, singing in the day
the little duck quacks, then he’s on his way
The possum ain’t got much to say
and the porcupine talks to himself. *Chorus*

Verse 5

It’s a simple song of living sung everywhere
by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
the grumpy alligator, and the hawk above,
the sly racoon and the turtle dove. *Chorus*

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN (including the donations to Northwoods Humane Society)

L: Great God, you are the giver of life and all that is good. Accept our humble gifts and multiply them. Accept our humble hearts and mold them. Accept our humble lives and transform them, that we might live in the power of the resurrection, willing to risk all for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus we offer these gifts and in the name of Jesus we pray.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katie Weber

L: Lord in Your mercy,

All: (sing) Lord listen to your children praying. Lord send your spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love. Send us power. Send us grace.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Ivy Huston

LORD’S PRAYER (*pray in unison*)

**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.**

RECEIVE COMMUNION

All are invited to participate in the Lord's Meal as a reminder that God's love in Jesus frees us from our sin.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: 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.

All: Amen.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

L: By your hands, may love be shared.
By your voice, may peace be spoken.
By your eyes, may beauty be seen.
By your ears, may truth be heard.
And by your life, may the song of Christ be sung!

SENDING SONG

"Every Move I Make"

Verse 1

Every move I make I make in you
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take, I breathe in you.
Every step I take, I take in you
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take, I breathe in you

Verse 2

Waves of mercy, waves of grace
Everywhere I look, I see your face
Your love has captured me
O my God, this love, how can it be?
(How can it be, how can it be, how can it be?)

Na, na, na,na,na,na,
Na,na, na,na,na, na
Na, na, na,na,na,na
Na, na, na,na,na,na

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Host: Kris Shields

Readers: Jim Danhoff & Katie Weber

Sound Board: Mark Braun

Treats: Gayle Anderson

Piano: Kris Olson

Cantor: Gayle Anderson

Guitars: Jon Audette & Ivy Huston

Singers: Rachel Ericson & Tyler Ronsberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



What is more fun than good music, great food trucks and summertime in Minnesota? Join us for free, family-friendly entertainment and fun for all ages at our first annual outdoor concert series. Food will be available for purchase from the best food trucks in the metro each night starting at 6:00pm with music and activities at 6:30pm. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Arts & Music fund at Living Waters. If inclement weather, the concert will be moved inside the sanctuary. Bring a chair and join us for some fun!

July 28

Music: Jim & Sally
Food: Hometown Creamery

August 4

Music: Vinnie Rose
Food: Fiesta Cancun Taco Mobile

August 11

Music: TEDDY BEAR BAND
Food: Big Red Food Truck & Fiesta Cancun Taco Mobile!

GOD'S GOOD CREATION VBS

AUGUST 9-13

We are again partnering with St. Mark Circle Pines for "God's Good Creation" VBS. Registration for is now open for children 3years through 5th grade. We are also looking for middle and high school students to help out. See livingwaterslutheran.org for more details and registration links.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN JULY!

July 18th – During today's worship service we will be blessing pets and collecting pet treats/food to donate to the Northwoods Humane Society!

July 25th – Join us in the parking lot as we prepare for the Outdoor Concert Series which kicks off later that week. Details are on the website.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS...

Names listed in **bold** are new prayer requests or changes to recurring requests. If you have a prayer concern, please e-mail us at office@livingwaterslutheran.org. Pastor Ivy is also available for prayer concerns. Please email her at pastor@livingwaterslutheran.org

† Grief †

- **Shane Kupfer** (Mark Braun's cousin) who died unexpectedly this past week.

† Praise †

- Earl Faehn is home recovering from his shoulder surgery.

† Facing Ongoing Challenges †

- **Ron Lentsch** (Deb Weber's father) Recovering at home following hospitalization for congestive heart failure.
- Judy Anderson (Katie Weber's aunt in AL) out of the hospital and in a rehab center recovering from strokes.
- Dora Molitor is now at home recovering from her hospitalization for heart issues.
- John Graupman (our custodian) is home following his hospitalization.
- Ruby Christopherson is awaiting heart valve replacement.
- Barbara (friend of P.J. Kolu) who is suffering from dementia.
- Sarah Lysne (Teri Danhoff's cousin) complications from ALS.

† Cancer †

- Tom Johnson (Kris Olson's father) cancer
- Donna Owens (friend of Chuck & Susan Puskas) undergoing treatment for an aggressive brain tumor.
- Ollie DeMuth (friend of Steve Yahr) lung cancer
- Jackie Manion (Jennifer Witzmann's sister)
- Marlene Kasmirski-Stronge (Julie Kasmirski's mom) breast cancer.
- Mary Jane Zaiser (friends of the Faehns) recurrence of breast cancer.
- Kaitlin McCune (Samantha McCune's sister in law) breast cancer.
- Laurie Hogberg (Hillary Handahl's mom)
- Mary Pozzini (Jim Danhoff's Aunt)
- Colleen Roberts (friend of Donna VanGundy)
- Leigha (April Kelly's cousin)
- Sue Braun
- Linnea Miskowiec

† Hospice †

- Kay Roberts (Mark Braun's Aunt)
- Bev Mann (friend of Pastor Ivy)

† Military Service †

- Jonah Hylton (friend of the Webers) and his parents Scott and Susan. Jonah is at Camp Pendleton undergoing Marine Corps training.
- Brenden Burgraff (friend of the Webers) left for Army basic training.

WELCOME! YOU MATTER TO GOD & YOU BELONG HERE!

If you are a guest or visitor, welcome! Please find a blue CONNECTION card on a clipboard and introduce yourself as you leave. Or drop a note in the offering plate. We are so glad you are here!

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP. Thank you for silencing your cell phones and other electronic devices. Children are *always* welcome in worship! Today's worship is interactive and we encourage you to allow your children to participate as much as you are comfortable.

COVID-19. We encourage you to wear a face mask while inside the building, but it is no longer required. Please be mindful of "social distancing".

NEW HERE? Please join us following worship for fellowship, coffee and treats! We love meeting our neighbors and we would very much like to get to know you better!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon–Thurs: 9am-3pm

Friday: 9am-1pm

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Psalm 145:10-18

& John 6:1-14

OUR WISH LIST

- Borrow an **electric/gas hedge trimmer** for clean-up day on July 24th
- Replacement **portable screen** for Chapel
- **Thrivent Action Grants** for VBS and Outdoor Concert Series
- **Worship Assistants!** Sign up online to help in worship or send Katie a call or text

MEET THE LIVING WATERS MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Ivy Huston, Pastor
Katie Weber, Director of Ministry
Kris Olson, Music Director
Becky Juni, Bookkeeper
John Graupman, Custodian

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