

Living Waters

Lutheran Church

Reaching Out and Sharing God's Love!

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



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Welcome to Outdoor Worship at Living Waters!

Please pick up communion elements before worship begins. Place offering gifts in the plate on the table.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Kris Olson

WELCOME

Pastor Ivy Huston

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(read responsively)*

L: As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder. We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair.

All: We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures.

L: We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our love shine.

All: We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally.

L: In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom.

Sustained silence for personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

L: We are the embodiment God's love for the world, by the power of God's grace. Our freedom is a gift: receive it fully; Our purpose is justice: do it rightly; Our hope is peace: pursue it faithfully; Our calling is life: live it well. God is faithful in all things and so it is. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Strive to live in God's mercy this day and always. Amen.

from God's Freedom is Beyond Measure, written by Reverend Dr. June C. Goudey, and posted on the United Church of Christ website. <http://www.ucc.org>

OPENING SONG

"We all are one in Mission"

ELW #576

Verse 1

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

Verse 2

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Verse 3

Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
 because the LORD has anointed me;
 he has sent me to bring good news to the
 oppressed,
 to bind up the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
 and the day of vengeance of our God;
 to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
 They will be called oaks of righteousness,
 the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of
 salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of
 righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a
 garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her
 jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
 spring up,
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness
 and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

Pastor Ivy Huston

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Freedom & Faith

Pastor Ivy Huston

SERMON NOTES (OR DOODLES)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We Are Called

ELW #720

Verse 1

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Refrain

*We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.*

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED *(read in unison)*

ELW p.105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

OFFERING ACTIVIT: Letters of Encouragement to deployed military personnel

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN

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 *(read responsively)*

Karen Wind

L: Lord in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Ivy Huston

LORD'S PRAYER *(read 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!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Kris Olson

Today's Worship Assistants

READER: Karen Wind

SOUND BOARD/VIDEO:
Bill Huston

TREATS: Ivy & Nora Huston

MUSIC: Kris Olson

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Outdoor Worship Continues in July!

July 11th- camp style worship with guitar music and camp songs.

July 18th - Join us for outdoor, camp style worship and bring your pet in for a blessing. All pets are welcome...but make sure you have a leash or another way to keep them safe since other pets will be here.

We also invite you to bring in a bag of cat or dog treats (soft treats preferred) or cans of kitten/puppy food to be donated 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS

August 9th through the 13th at Living Waters.

We will again be partnering with St. Mark Circle Pines for "God's Good Creation" VBS. See the church website for more details and to register online.



Don't Forget! The Labyrinth Needs YOUR Feet! Head out for a walk following worship.

Lunch Bunch Bible Study. The Lunch Bunch Bible Study is still meeting weekly on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom. See website for more details.



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 & maybe hotdogs & chips???

August 11

Music: TEDDY BEAR BAND

Food: Big Red Food Truck & Fiesta Cancun Taco Mobile!

August 4

Music: Vinnie Rose

Food: Fiesta Cancun Taco Mobile

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 †

- **Jason Waldowski** (college friend of Bill Huston), died suddenly at age 48.

† Praise †

- Bob & Ruth Schuchardt are retiring from Bethel University after almost 2 decades of leading the food service at the university!
- Earl Faehn is home recovering from his shoulder surgery.

† Facing Ongoing Challenges †

- Dora Molitor is at Cerenity recovering from her hospitalization for heart issues.
- John Graupman (our custodian) is home following his hospitalization.
- Ruby Christopherson is home following her hospitalization for heart issues. She 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 Yar) 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 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.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES. Assisted hearing devices are available for anyone who needs one. Please see the hosts and they will help you.

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

We will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Romans 12:9-18

OUR WISH LIST

- 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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