

***APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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*God's purpose for the church is to witness to God's grace, forgiveness, compassion, and justice. We fulfill this promise by serving and caring for your local and global communities.*

**SUNDAY VOICE**

**The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
by The Leipert Family.**

**Online Giving: We have set up online giving for church offerings. The Vanco online system can be found on the Apostles' website.  
Any questions, contact Nick or Frank. Thank you.**

**APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Service of Holy Communion**

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**ALL: 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.**

P: Brothers and sisters hear the good news! Through the cross and the waters of baptism God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by His authority; I hereby declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

**Gloria: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” 857 ELW** (*sung twice*)

*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift your name on high.*

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together the prayer for the Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**All: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful in 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.**

**Gathering Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” #582 ELW**

*Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high; living, life-imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.*

*Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ: you we praise with endless worship, for your gifts and fruits unpriced.*

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry; quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.*

**WORD**

*Please be seated.*

*“We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus’ call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit’s fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.*

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 16**

16:1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**16:2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

16:3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**16:4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

16:5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

16:7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**16:8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**16:10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

16:11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-15**

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Anthem: by John Perovich*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” 172 ELW**

*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah.*

*Please rise, if you are able, for the Gospel reading.*

**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

*after the reading*

P: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon: The Rev. Peter Edwardsen**

*Please rise if you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #843 ELW**

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.*

*Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**Apostles Creed (pg. 105 ELW)**

**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.**

**Prayers and Concerns of the Community  
"Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" 752 ELW**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

D: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, creation, and all in need.

*a brief silence*

D: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Deacon or worship assistant continues with the prayers of intercession.*

D: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **All:**

**Amen.**

### **Offering**

P: As a people of God, who have been named and claimed through our waters of baptism into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, we are called into community with one another and called to share abundantly with others, from those gifts that God has first given us.

**Offertory music: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord" 184 ELW**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**Offertory prayer:**

D: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen**

### **The Meal**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks  
and praise.**

*Preface:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(pg.153 ELW)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

P: And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us.

(pg. 154 ELW)

**All: 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.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Communion Hymn: “Our Father, by Whose Name” #640 ELW**

*Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known, in love divine you claim each fam’ly as your own. Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel, the homes in which your people dwell.*

*O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home, with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come: our children bless in ev’ry place that they may all behold your face and, knowing you, may grow in grace.*

*O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity and teach us how to find the love from self set free; in all our hearts such love increase that ev’ry home, by this release, may be the dwelling place of peace.*

*Please rise if you are able*

**Post Communion Canticle: “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”** 207 ELW

*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all might come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.       **C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ**

**We pray for those celebrating Anniversaries:**

*6/26 Mark & Nancy Leipert*

*6/26 John & Peg Perovich*

*6/29 Peter & Laura Edwardsen*

## THE SENDING

### Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860 ELW

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **We are collecting:**

Linens: Towels, sheets, and blankets. Medical supplies: Alcohol wipes, infusion set-ups, non-expired medications, dog food, tubing, syringes, etc... Empty ink cartridges of all types. Pull tabs from aluminum cans for dialysis credits.

***If you wish to bring snacks for the Sunday Coffee Fellowship,  
the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.  
Thank you.***

***Next Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a Baked Goods Fundraiser.  
If you can bring a home-baked item, please place it on the designated  
table in the Narthex.***

**For a donation, anyone can take one of these goodies home to enjoy  
at your 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration!**

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**Save the Date: Please plan to attend the  
Retirement Dinner for John, scheduled for Sunday July 31.  
(There will not be a Fellowship Dinner in July.)**

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**The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, at 6:30 PM.  
Please plan to attend.  
Thank you.**

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**We are blessed to be a blessing to others.**  
As a congregation, we have generously given over \$3,380 to the Lutheran  
Disaster Response Fund to alleviate the suffering caused by the ongoing crisis in  
Eastern Europe. The need is still great and continues to grow for our brothers  
and sisters who find themselves displaced, hungry, afraid, and mourning.  
**If you are able to give, there is a collection plate in the Narthex for your gift.  
Thank you!**

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**The Next FOOD CLOSET is Thursday, July 14, from 1:00-3:00 PM**

***We are in desperate need of canned fruit.***

Please donate what you can.

Thank you.