



Sunday, June 25, 2023
Around the Town Worship @ 10:00 AM
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome

Gathering Song *This Is My Father's World*



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Greeting from 2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Litany from Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Scripture Song: Thy Word (refrain)

♩ = 70 CHORUS

Thy Word is a lamp un-to__ my feet and a light un-to my path.

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Prayer Of The Day

L: Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God,

C: to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Psalm: Psalm 69:7-18 (prayed responsively by whole verse)

⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

**⁸I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

**¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.**

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

**¹²I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your faithful help

**¹⁴rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.**

¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

**¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.

**¹⁸Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.**

New Testament Story: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If

they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

New Testament Story: Acts 9:1-19

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. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

(Ephesians 1:13-14)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 20)

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Jude 21)

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

L: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C: In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

(2 Corinthians 13:11)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering Invitation

Community News

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

**C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.
With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to
delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Prayers

MEAL

Words of Institution

The 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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle: *10,000 Reasons*

Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (+) strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

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Sending Song: "Go Now"



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound'ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,



go now, go now with God.
va - - - mos, va - mos con Dios.



Go now, go now, go now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: We will. Thanks be to God.



**American Lutheran Church walks in the faith of
Jesus as we walk with others.**

All are welcome to be a part of God's Church. There is a place for you here at American Lutheran Church. Our mission is to "share the good news of what God has done for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!"

June/July Birthday Greetings this week . . .

- If your birthday is missing or wrong, please let Kelly in the office know or write it on the slips inserted in the Bulletin. Thanks!

25) Julie Lira (Brewer),

26) Reagan Heidebrink

27) Deb Stoll, Max Langerud

28) Amy Thompson

29) Andrew Bennett, Laura Bourquin

1) Travis Burnham

Today's Flower arrangement is given by:

Steve & Vernietta Hansberger, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

Open Date for Altar Flowers are September 10 & 24

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for 2023, contact Kelly Henkels in the office or Dee Hale at (507) 372-2786. The cost of a bouquet of flowers is \$27.00. You can keep them or donate them. Please remember to pay for your flowers in the office.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday's worship services:

Hymns, prayers, and preaching will be drawn from the themes in these stories.

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

10am | "At the Lake Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of the American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Cindy & Aubrey Anderson

Ushers: Shauna Carroll, Laura Hoffman, Russell Obermoller, Dave Nerem, Mark Prunty, Darren Ponto

Greeters: Marchelle Jorgensen, Laura Hoffman

This Sunday 6/25**Helping Pass out Communion Cups**

Connie Voss

Karen Hanbury

Church Lock-up: Harlan Handevidt

Next Sunday 7/1**Fill:** Karen Pfeifer**Refill:** Sharon Johansen**Cleanup:** Bob & Shirly Wieme**Communion Servers: 8:00-**Mark Shepherd, Marv Isder, Dave Nerem
10:00- Jill Cuperus, Linden Olson,
Melissa Jensen

Announcements | June 25-July 1, 2023

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, June 25 & June 26, Living Lutheran Workshop

Sunday, July 16, 10am "At the Lake" Celebration Worship

Art & Craft Fair Date for Next Year- November 4, 2023, is the date for our 2nd Art and Craft Fair. Begin to plan and prepare for this debt reduction ministry. This is a time to celebrate arts and crafts, as well as baked goods. This year we will also have BarBQ Sandwiches available. So come browse and eat lunch with us. Connie Voss is the leader for this event. Please connect with her by phone 507-360-8362 or email her at cmvoss10@gmail.com In 2022, we combined our resources in this event and were able to dedicate \$4,600 for debt reduction. We are excited to do that again.

Thank you all for all you do. Connie Voss

**Living Lutheran: A 2-Session Workshop about Living Life as a Lutheran****Who:** Anyone new to Lutheran theology or anyone interested in rediscovering what it means to be Lutheran

today. *This is the journey's first step for anyone interested in becoming a member of American Lutheran.*

Age: High School and Up**Cost:** \$15 for single participants. \$25 for families for both sessions. Cost includes materials and meal expenses. Talk to Pastor Jeremy if you need childcare.**Schedule: June 25 & 26**

5:00pm, Prepare Supper

6:00pm, Supper & conversation

June 25-July 1 Calendar

June 25

9:00am Set-up for “Around Town”
10:00am Worship Service @
Downtown Pavilion- Next to
Fire Station
Lunch to follow

5:00 pm Living Lutheran

June 26

9:00am Staff Meetings
5:00pm Living Lutheran

June 27

7:45am Men’s Bible Study
9:00am Women’s Coffee @ Hy-Vee
10:00am Worship Planning
6:45pm Worship & Music

June 28

9:00am Quilt Tying

June 29

10:00am Text Study

June 30

Wedding Rehearsal

July 1

Wedding

July 2

8:00am First Word Worship
9:00am Coffee & Kinship
10:00am Journey Worship
Baptism- Kaylee Clausen

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 12:00pm

Monday – Thursday

12:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday

Pastors’ Sabbath Day
