

**Worship for the Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 13th at 11AM at Camp
Sequanota
Wednesday, June 16 in the Sanctuary**



Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

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

God, our provider, 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.

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW #532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Refrain Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord...
- 2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord...
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord...
- 4 For your spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord...

Text: Larry Olson

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First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen! Oi!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen! Oi!

Praise the Lord with Trumpet sounds (echo: Praise the Lord with Trumpet sounds)
Trumpet sounds (echo: Trumpet sounds)
Trumpet sounds (echo: Trumpet sounds)... 1, 2, 3, 4!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

ELW #574

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"
Refrain

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Creed— *I Believe, I Do Believe*

Chorus: I believe I do believe, truly I believe it,
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it
I believe I do believe, truly believe it
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

I believe in God the Almighty Lord creator
Mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator
I believe in God the Almighty Lord creator
Mighty Lord creator, mighty Lord Creator (Chorus)

I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people (Chorus)

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit (Chorus)

Prayers of the People

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

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.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world...

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought...

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others...

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness...

Sovereign God, all places of worship belong to you. We give to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts...

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation...

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace...

Amen.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #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

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Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, Father,
Son ✠, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn*Take the World By Storm**Sequanota Chordbook #42*

Take the water, take the word, take the promise that you heard. Take upon yourself this lowly form. Take the bread, take the wine; tell the world to come and dine. Take the world by storm.

Take it singing, take it crying, take it by your Christly dying. Take it in your fighting for reform. Take the hurt, take the sin; Christ has taken sinners in. So take the world by storm.

Jesus, by your dying storm, keep us ever being born.

Take the poor, take the proud, take the lonely in the crowd. Take tenderly those ashamed and scorned. Take the broken, take the lost; Take them for He bears the cost. Take the world by storm.

Jesus, by your cross forlorn, make us take the world by storm.

Jesus, by your dying storm, take us into Easter morn.

Take the water, take the word, take the promise that you heard. Take upon yourself this lowly form.

Take the bread, take the wine; tell the world to come and dine. Take the world by storm.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving God and Us

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

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Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Jacob Orczeck

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Youth & Camping”

Readings for the Week:

Monday(Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c.389) Psalm 52. **Tuesday** Revelation 21:22-22:5. **Wednesday** Luke 6:43-45. **Thursday** (Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015) Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32. **Friday** Acts 21:1-6. **Saturday** Luke 21:25-28. **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41. Visit ELCA.org/Lectionary for a full listing of readings assigned to each day.

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Yoga Devotions

Wednesdays June 9, 16, 23 & 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the side yard at St. Matthew for an hour of yoga centered on a focus verse from scripture. Bring your mat; this is appropriate for any ability level.

Office Hours This Week:

- **Wednesday:** 1PM to 4PM (Pastor Traci)
- **Monday – Friday :** 9AM to Noon (Laura)

June Worship Schedule

- **1st Sunday:** 9AM Sanctuary, 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall
- **2nd Sunday:** Worship at Camp Sequanota, Picnic & Open Camp Day
- **3rd & 4th Sunday:** 9AM outdoors (recorded and then uploaded)
- **Wednesdays:** 6:30 PM Sanctuary

Other Midweek

Wednesday, June 9: Yoga 5:00PM in the church yard

Saturday, June 19: Michael Tremmel and Samantha Mixell wedding

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Janet Kreider, Harry Partner, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Jim Brower, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Dan Hershberger, Jere Hess, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jenny, Justin Karol, Bob Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Kirk Kling, Janet Kreider, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Kristen Malloy, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, David Tremmel, Peggy Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

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