

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #396 "Spirit of Gentleness"

*Refrain*

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,**

**blow through the wilderness calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,**

**stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *To Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;

and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *To Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *To Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *To Refrain*

#### GREETING

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, **we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### Word

BIBLE READING Galatians 3:23-29

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #513 "Listen, God Is Calling"

*Refrain-* Leader: Listen,

**All: listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

1) Leader: Jesus gave his mandate:

**All: share the good news**

Leader: that he came to save us

**All: and set us free. *To Refrain***

2) Leader: Let none be forgotten

**All: throughout the world.**

Leader: in the triune name of God

**All: go and baptize. *To Refrain***

- 3) Leader: Help us to be faithful,  
**All: standing steadfast,**  
 Leader: walking in your precepts,  
**All: led by your Word. To Refrain**

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

SERMON Rev. Kirsten Kellaheer

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #453 "Baptized and Set Free"

- 1 We are people created,  
 chosen by God.  
 Then we're washed, ever gently,  
 in mercy and love.  
 Sin has power no more.  
 Jesus opened the door  
 to a fountain bringing healing,  
 and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,  
 filled and refreshed.  
 Then our hunger returns and  
 again we are blessed.  
 For whatever the need,  
 God is greater indeed:  
 endless ocean, always deeper  
 than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water,  
 all living things,  
 and by life that the Spirit  
 abundantly brings.  
 As we journey toward home,  
 may your presence be known:  
 precious river, ever-flowing,  
 now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
 we join the song.  
 All are welcome! We gather  
 to sing loud and strong.  
 Not enslaved, but set free!

From now on, all will be  
 one in Jesus, one in water,  
 baptized and set free!

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - Marli Elizabeth Helgeson

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving at the Font

Baptism

Welcome

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING & HYMN      ELW #681- vs 1, 2      “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

- 1 We plow the fields and scatter  
 the good seed on the land,  
 but it is fed and watered  
 by God's almighty hand,  
 who sends the snow in winter,  
 the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the breezes and the sunshine,  
 and soft refreshing rain.

### *Refrain*

**All good gifts around us  
 are sent from heav'n above.  
 We thank you, Lord,  
 we thank you, Lord,  
 for all your love.**

- 2 You only are the maker  
 of all things near and far.  
 You paint the wayside flower,  
 you light the evening star.

The winds and waves obey you,  
 by you the birds are fed;  
 much more to us, your children,  
 you give our daily bread. *To Refrain*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

#### Sending

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;  
 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
 and the life of the Spirit  
 † bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN ELW #611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 "Come unto me and rest;  
 lay down, O weary one, lay down  
 your head upon my breast."  
 I came to Jesus as I was,  
 so weary, worn, and sad;  
 I found in him a resting-place,  
 and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**