



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**June 11, 2023**

***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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## AS WE GATHER

With this Sunday, the Church ventures into that “long, green season” that turns our attention to the teachings of our Lord. While these Sundays are called “Ordinary Time” there is nothing ordinary about them, as they sketch out the character and contours of the disciple’s life, feeding and nourishing us on God’s Word. Today we are called to faith, and to an unswerving trust in the promises of God. As Abraham demonstrated, faith is *“counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”* (Romans 4:25) Running a little low on that these days? You are in the best place possible to have your faith renewed and recalibrated. You will not leave this place empty! God’s Word is His guarantee. Welcome to worship, in Jesus’ name!

## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    *“Sometimes by Step” (Words & Music by Rich Mullins & David (Beaker) Strasser © 1992 Kid Brothers Of St. Frank Publishing Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing)*

Oh God, You are my God; and I will ever praise You.  
Oh God, You are my God; and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning, and I’ll learn to walk in Your ways.  
And step by step You’ll lead me, and I’ll follow You all of my days.

## THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Pastor:                      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation:        Amen.

*Silence for personal reflection and meditation.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we live in a sin-sick world. Unbelief and despair abound. We all would be in desperate straits were it not for the gracious call of our merciful God and Father. Through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He offers us forgiveness, life and salvation in His name, a Word of hope, which is our great heritage. Let us, therefore, consecrate ourselves in prayer and service to the glory of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking His grace and forgiveness for our life in Him.

*Silence for self-examination.*

Pastor: O Lord, if our personal lives have become shallow,  
**Congregation: Deepen them.**

Pastor: If our principles have become shabby,  
**Congregation: O Lord, repair them.**

Pastor: If our ideals have become tarnished,  
**Congregation: O Lord, renew them.**

Pastor: If our loyalties have grown dim,  
**Congregation: O Lord, brighten them.**

Pastor: If our values have become confused,  
**Congregation: O Lord, clarify them.**

Pastor: If our purposes have become blurred,  
**Congregation: O Lord, sharpen them.**

Pastor: If our hopes have become faded,  
**Congregation: O Lord, revive them.**

## GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we need not carry a burden of guilt,  
**Congregation: For Christ has lifted it.**

Pastor: We need not be anxious about tomorrow,  
**Congregation: For God holds us in the hollow of His hand.**

Pastor: We need not feel unequal to the task,  
**Congregation: For the Spirit of God lives within us.**

Pastor: Therefore, as a fellow redeemed in and called servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now we stand ready to see His face and to serve Him. Now we stand ready to hear and to receive.  
**Congregation: Amen.**

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Psalm 149:4, 9b*

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
**Congregation: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Pastor: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;  
**Congregation: He adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!**

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.  
**Congregation: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
**Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in splendor and holiness.**

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*LSB 686 St. 1-3*

*For this and all subsequent hymns please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, as You have blessed us with an everlasting hope in Your eternal promises, grant us an increase of faith, that receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Hosea 5:15-6:6 (The call to repentance and faith.)*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to My place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face, and in their distress earnestly seek Me.

6 "Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;

I have slain them by the words of My mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**      *Romans 4:13-25*      (*God's promises realized through faith.*)

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL AND VERSE**      *Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 9:13b*

Pastor:                      Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**Congregation:**        **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Pastor:                      On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**Congregation:**        **and I will declare Your greatness.**

Pastor:                      Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

**Congregation:**        **Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING**     *Matthew 9:9-13*     (*The Call of Matthew.*)

**Pastor:**                     The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Congregation:**         **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when He heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Pastor:**                     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:**         **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**Congregation:**         **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastor:**                     What does this mean?

**Congregation:**         **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     "How Firm a Foundation"

*LSB 728*

**SERMON**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- Pastor: For the holy Church throughout the world:  
That all pastors and people be ready to offer God the sacrifice of praise and call upon Him with confidence in every need, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For the government and those who protect us:  
That they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, governing with justice for the peace and well-being of all, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For those who are sad and discouraged:  
That they put their hope You Lord, whose coming is as certain as that of the dawn, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For the homebound, the ill, and the distressed:  
That they may have faith to endure their suffering or loneliness, knowing the true healing and fellowship of their Great Physician, Savior and Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

*Additional petitions and praises are added.*

- Pastor: For those who are called to the banquet of God's mercy in the sacrament of the altar:  
That the body and blood of Christ strengthen our faith in the promise of His loving care and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **HEAR OUR PRAYER**
- Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**

*At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.*



## OFFERTORY “Blessed Assurance”

TOSB 16, St. 1

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

## PREFACE TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because Your mercy attends us all our days. In mercy, You provide for all our wants of body and soul, and graciously You invite us to come to the Lord’s Table, granting us a foretaste of the feast to come. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You with joyous song:

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Blessed Assurance”

TOSB 16, St. 2

1. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture, now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

*Please see PowerPoint slides or back cover of the hymnal.*

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Pastor: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. *Rev. 19:9a, NIV*

**Congregation:** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the Word and I shall be healed.** *Matthew 8:8, paraphrased*

## DISTRIBUTION

*For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.*

*At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.*

*All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today!*

## A MEDLEY OF HYMNS

*Linda Loprato, Harp*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Blessed Assurance”

TOSB 16, St. 3

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I and my Savior are happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You continue to refresh us through Your Word and Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**

*LSB 917*

△      ♪ Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
            With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
            Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
            Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace. Amen. ♪

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## **Trinity Calendar for June 11 -June-18, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	Executive Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 pm	Music Team Meeting
	6:00-7:30 pm	Ministry Teams Gathering
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
<b>Friday</b>	1:30 pm	<i>Keene Middle School using Parking Lot For Graduation Overflow</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The Gods Have Returned"</i>
	8:00-Noon	TCS Yard Sale (Gym)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

## **ATTENDANCE 6-04: 82**

**Families of the week:** *The Belval, Benouski and Boulton families*

**Birthdays:** *(With apologies to those missed last week!)*

- 4 June—Ken Howe
- 4 June—Adlay League
- 8 June—Norbert Grohoski
- 8 June--Jane Burdett
- 12 June—Steve Banks
- 14 June—Gayle Knapp
- 15 June—Kelsey Geer

## **Anniversaries:**

- 11 June—Gregg & Jane Burdett



## Hear ye, Hear ye!

### Ministry Team Gathering

**Where:** TLC Fellowship Hall

**When:** June 14, 6:00-7:30 pm

Snacks included!

For those who signed up, and anyone who is still interested in joining a team, please join us! For more info, please contact Pastor Harkey or Rich Randall.



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
By Mike and Gloria Stewart.



Eileen will be attending the LWML convention in Milwaukee in June and taking all the items we have made to distribute. Eyeglasses may still be placed on the LWML table.

Also, Eileen will be walking in the Mission Walk at the convention. Anyone interested in supporting her with a donation can sign up on the sheet on the Narthex table. Please make checks payable to: LWML, And thanks for your support.

**Keene**  
Yard Sale

### TCS Upcoming Yard Sale!

**Date:** June 17, 2023

**Time:** 8 am to 12 noon

**Where:** TCS Gym

**Donations accepted beginning**

June 12 -June 15, 8am-4pm;

June 16, 8am-noon

## **OUR MISSION**

**Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region is a life affirming ministry that shares the love and truth of Jesus Christ with our community, offering free pregnancy related resources with compassion and respect.**

We want to thank everyone who is participating in the PRC's Baby Bottle Campaign. This is a reminder that Father's Day, June 18, 2023, is the conclusion for this and we ask that you please return the bottles, full or empty. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to: The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region. If you have questions, need more information you may contact me, Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at [helensillanpaa82@gmail.com](mailto:helensillanpaa82@gmail.com) or 603 355 7939



Consider our Capital Improvement Fund when you are considering ways to make contributions. We truly appreciate it. Thank you. See Larry Miller for more info.



## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Responders Luncheon***

***July 13***

We will be hosting the luncheon again this year for all local and state First Responders, serving lunch under the pavilion from noon to 6:00 pm. There will be lots of opportunities to help. Want to set up? Want to visit a local firehouse and let them know? Want to sling some burgers or help clean up? We can use you! If you'd simply like to make a donation that will also be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Call or speak to Scott Schneider: 603-313-7251

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