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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Prelude
Welcome

"I Will Sing" film

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Holy God, we confess to you our fears, our worries and our anxieties.
Lord, have mercy on us.

You have given us your perfect love which casts out all fear.
Christ have mercy on us.

You have given us your peace which transcends all understanding.
Lord have mercy on us.

Yet we still feel dislodged, displaced, untethered and uncertain during these times.
Lord help our unbelief.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord
You made heaven and earth.

If you are for us, what should we fear?

Turn us again to you. Give to us your song, that we may sing of our deliverance and the words of eternal life.

Beloved people of God,
Let us sing to the Lord a new song
For God has done marvelous things
God has seen us in our lowliness and lifts us up
Through Jesus the Christ we are forgiven and loved and brought into eternal, abundant life.

Gathering Hymn (Page 9)

“O Sing to the Lord”

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

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.

Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 38:16-20

¹⁶O LORD, by these things people live,
and in all these is the life of my spirit.
Oh, restore me to health and make me live!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On May 19, my letter to you was about the Pentecost Rose (also known as the peony). I shared with you its significance, the importance of the color red, and its association with Pentecost.

Since that time, I have been trying to find a red peony bush to photograph. (Apparently, white and pink peonies are more fragrant, and therefore, more numerous. I saw some red peony bushes on Hwy 16 just outside of Sparta, but I was driving too fast to safely slow down, pull off, and take a photo.) I am happy to report that I finally found a red peony bush that I could easily photograph!

Last week, I was at Central Express in Cashton. As I was seated at one of the picnic tables on the side of the building, I looked to my right. In the backyard of one of the neighboring houses, there was a **Red Pentecost Rose bush!** I took a photo (See attached) to share with all of you.

Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. We will gather virtually in worship with parishioners from most of the 74 synod churches. The churches are located in Buffalo, Jackson, Trempealeau, Crawford, Vernon, Adams, Monroe, Juneau, La Crosse and Houston (MN) counties. This opportunity to worship together, as we recall the Synod Assembly title, "...We will sing," allows us to celebrate our oneness as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we gather with parishioners from throughout the La Crosse Area Synod today, let us be reminded of Pentecost. On that day almost 2,000 years ago, people gathered together and experienced the work of the Holy Spirit. May we too experience the Holy Spirit at work in the people, programs, committees, and ministries of the La Crosse Area Synod today and in the future, as we seek to do God's work in the world. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy

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¹⁷Surely it was for my welfare
that I had great bitterness;
but you have held back my life
from the pit of destruction,
for you have cast all my sins
behind your back.

¹⁸For Sheol cannot thank you,
death cannot praise you;
those who go down to the pit cannot hope
for your faithfulness.

¹⁹The living, the living, they thank you,
as I do this day;
fathers make known to children
your faithfulness.

²⁰The LORD will save me,
and we will sing to stringed instruments
all the days of our lives,
at the house of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

***Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

***GOSPEL READING**

The gospel according to Luke 1:46-55

Glory to you, O Lord.

46 And Mary said,
 "My soul magnifies the Lord,
 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 50 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 51 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;

My Soul Does Magnify the Lord

1 My soul does mag - ni - fy the Lord; my spir - it
 2 From this day all will call me blest, from now through
 3 His mer - cy touch - es those who love, and those who
 4 He cast the might - y from their thrones, and he has
 5 He comes to all who seek his love, for he re -
 6 All glo - ry be to God on high, and to his
 7 Just as it was, it is to - day, and it shall

sings of God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with
 all the com - ing a - ges. The Lord has done great
 serve . . . one an - oth - er. And with great strength he has
 lift - ed up the low - ly. He fills the hun - gry
 mem - bers the prom - ise that he had made to
 Son, . . . God the Sav - ior, and to the Spir - it of
 last through all to - mor - rows, and so my soul mag - ni -

love and fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.
 things for me and ho - ly is his name.
 scat - tered all the proud in their con - ceit.
 with good things while oth - ers turn a - way.
 A - bra - ham and to the chil - dren of God.
 life and truth that burns with - in our hearts.
 fies the Lord; praise God for - ev - er. A - men.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 54 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

Sermon

Bishop Chris Boerger

OFFERING

Offering plates are located as you entered the church.

Hymn (Page 11)

"Canticle of the Turning"

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Page 10)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

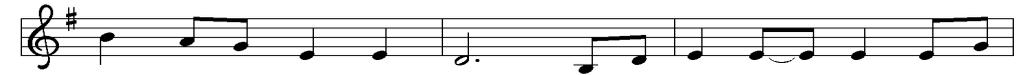
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
 Come!

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

Virtual Choir (Page 12)

"Life Every Voice and Sing"

Blessing

Sending Hymn (Page 13)

"My Soul Does Magnify the Lord"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Judy Bever, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Alrita Ornes, Bud Osteboe, Jim Finer, Jerry Nading, Rhett Flaten, Marty Arndt, Roger Wilchinski, Judy Lydon, Bob Schendel, Judy Arndt, Richard Zitlow, Jeff DuCharme, Judy Nofsinger, Wayne Friske, Charlie Lydon

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Bishop Chris Boerger

Presiding: Bishop Emerita April Ulring Larson

Liturgist: Karen Rooney (Holmen Lutheran Church)

Musicians: First Lutheran Church Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is the barn in the narthex??

The emphasis for the 2020 Synod Assembly was to have been “Synod Barn Raising”. Since the Assembly was not held last year, the Project has been extended into 2021. Each Congregation was given a barn cut-out to decorate and use as a goal. Our barn was painted and decorated by Ayawyn Conner. Thank you, Ayawyn. The cost of a “Family Farm” through ELCA Good Gifts is \$715. Each Congregation is encouraged to provide several “farms”.

St. Paul’s has to date raised enough to purchase 3 farms through the Christmas Angel Project, W-ELCA donation and personal contributions toward World Hunger. Can we do better? The 2021 Assembly will be held virtually in June. Please consider a donation for World Hunger. Each farm includes a cow, two goats, two pigs, a dozen chickens, seeds, tools and agricultural training.

Arlis Ballwahn, Hunger Leader

CALENDAR FOR JUNE, 2021

Sun., June 27 Worship 9:00 AM

Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*

1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
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For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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| <p>2 <i>Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!</i></p> |
| <p>3 <i>Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!</i></p> | <p>5 <i>¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!</i></p> |

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Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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