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Sunday, June 22, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost/ Dedication Of Memorial Garden Holy Communion

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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.**

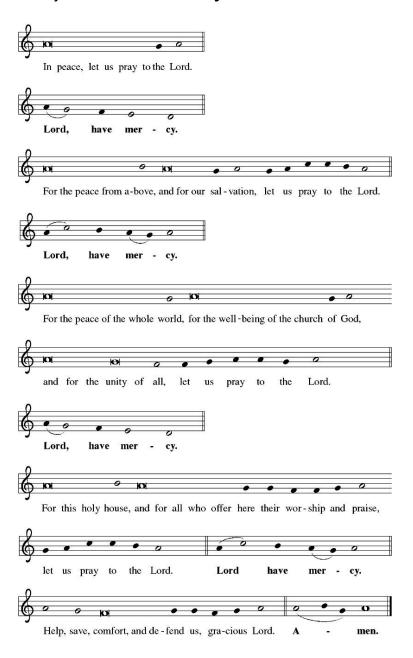
GATHERING HYMN: PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS, ELW 843



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.**

KYRIE



THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices: ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs. and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh. with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, savs the Lord: because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

8 Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

The psalm is sung responsively. The congregation sings the verses in bold print.



But you, O Lord, be not | far away;
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.
 Deliver me | from the sword,
 my life from the power | of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the [|] lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have [|] rescued me.

²²I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's ^I line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- ^I spring of Israel.

²⁴ For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, I the Lord hears them.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the [|] great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who [|] fear the Lord.
 - ²⁶ The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.
 - ²⁸ For dominion belongs | to the Lord, who rules o- | ver the nations.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

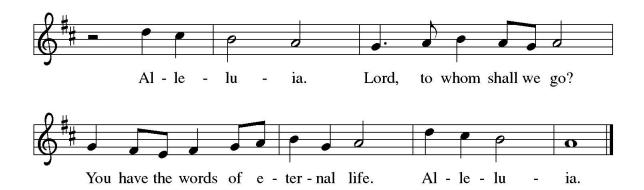
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

The gospel for the Second Sunday after Pentecost is from the gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone

sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

SERMON – Pastor Haley Vay Beaman

HYMN OF THE DAY: GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE, ACS 1038



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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the congregation responds by saying **"Receive our prayer."**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY: WE ARE AN OFFERING, ELW 692



OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

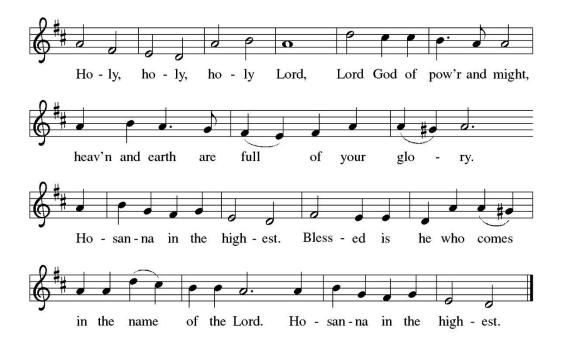
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

PREFACE

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

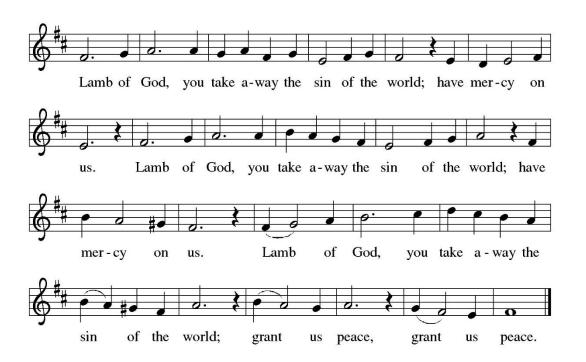
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

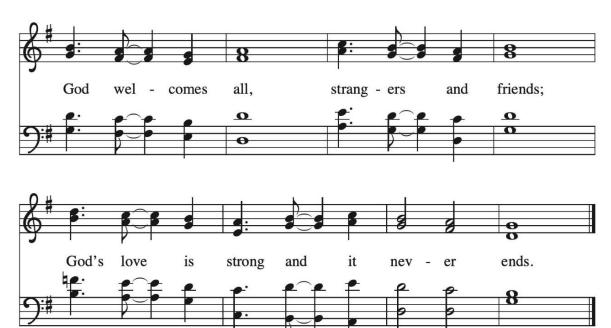
DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the table where we receive Christ's Real Presence. Please follow the directions of ushers and pastor for coming to the altar. If coming forward is a challenge, please let an usher know so that we can meet you where you are with Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of bread, please cross your arms over your chest so the pastor will know. Gluten-free wafers are available, and you may indicate your preference to the pastor when you come forward. Red wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. As you return to your seat, you will find a small basket on the table in which to place your empty cup.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN: GOD WELCOMES ALL, **ACS 978**, *Sung Three Times*



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ELW 496



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL, ELW 721



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creative spirit, loving God, you gathered us to your table and we have received your abundant grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF MEMORIAL GARDEN AND BENCH

Liturgy for the dedication of our Feast of Victory Lutheran Church Memorial Garden, and memorial benches given in loving memory of Jim and James Barnard and Dan Nickels

The Lord be with you And also with you.

The following are readings from the Prophet Isaiah:

As the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the LORD; so shall your descendants and your name remain. (Isaiah 66:22)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. (Isaiah 61:11) Let us pray.

God, our Father, at the dawn of creation you placed your children in a garden to find delight in their work and worship:

Be present with us in this garden, and open our eyes to the beauty of your creation.

Jesus, our Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends to a garden for quiet and refreshment:

Be present with all who come to seek your company in this place, giving them a quiet place to take their rest, and renew them in their stillness before you.

Jesus, our Redeemer, you suffered anguish and betrayal in a garden, and there you submitted to your Father's will:

Be present with all who come in sorrow and pain to this place, and give them the grace of knowing your redeeming love.

Jesus our Savior, after your crucifixion your body was laid in a tomb in a garden, and there you first revealed yourself to your friends after you rose from the dead:

Be present with all who come to this place when all seems lost, and awaken them to new life by your resurrection power.

Holy Spirit of Truth and Power, our Advocate and Friend,

Be present with all who come to this place seeking direction and strength, fill their hearts with the love of God, and send them out in witness to Jesus.

We now dedicate our Memorial Garden and two benches, in, loving memory of Jim and James Barnard, and Dan Nickels, to the glory of God, and the memory of all whose lives are honored here, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us give thanks.

For the beauty of your creation and for this place of peace and refuge **We give you thanks.**

For treasured memories of those who once journeyed with us **We give you thanks.**

For the solace and comfort of frien

For the solace and comfort of friends who still surround us **We give you thanks.**

For the promise of resurrection life for all who are in Christ **We give you thanks.**

For those who made this Memorial Garden and benches possible **We give you thanks.**

May they remind us of your everlasting goodness.

Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN, ELW 342, VERSES 1 & 4



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Feast of Victory Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden serves as a special place for commemorating the lives of those who have completed their faith journey. Here, loved ones are interred. As an enduring tribute, a memorial stone, marker, or plaque bearing the person's name, date of birth, and death may be placed in the Garden Courtyard, ensuring a lasting memory in this serene setting.

In our Feast of Victory Lutheran Church Memorial Garden, each person's ashes find a meaningful place in the soil, becoming a permanent and undesignated part of the serene landscape. The garden is adorned with carefully landscaped groundcover, flowers, and shrubs, creating a beautiful and tranquil environment. The dedicated FOV Memorial Garden committee takes care of the garden, ensuring its maintenance and upholding the master design. To preserve the garden's integrity, no additional plantings are permitted, allowing for a harmonious and peaceful setting for remembrance.

"Even tho I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshiping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...welcome! Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

STAY CONNECTED on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: www.feastofvictory.org. You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

Preaching/Presiding Minister: Pastor Haley Vay Beaman

Assisting Minister: Caylyn Moglia

Acolyte: Cam Darling Musician: Cliff Kelto Reader: Lana Nickels

Greeters & Ushers: Doug & Julie Satow

Communion: Shelley Mishler

AV Operator: Grant & Carter Darling

Coffee Host: Jean Friday & Tom Hurshman

Counter: Jean Friday

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