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PRELUDE - RINGING OF THE BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS - BLESSING OF CAMPERS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift Your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord I lift Your name on high!

(REPEAT)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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**

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; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who 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. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says 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. ⁸Thus 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. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

All: Glory to you , O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As 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. ²⁸When 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"—²⁹for 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.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now 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. ³³Then 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.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then 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. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then 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. ³⁸The 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: : Precious Lord Take My Hand ELW#773

1) Pre-cious Lord . . take my hand . . lead me on . . let me stand . .

I am tired . . I am weak . . I am worn through the storm . . through the night,

Lead me on . . to the light . . take my hand, pre-cious Lord . . lead me home.

2) When my way grows drear, precious Lord, lin-ger near . .

When my life, is, al - most gone . . hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall . .

Take my hand . . pre-cious Lord . . lead me home.

3) When the dark - ness ap-pears . . and the night . . draws near . .

And the day is . . past . . and . . gone . . at the riv -er I stand . . guide my feet. . hold my hand . .

Take my hand . . pre-cious Lord . . lead me home.

BLESSING OF THE FIELDS

THE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

C: 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

THE PRAYERS

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you.

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

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick *especially*.....

And those we name now out loud, in our hearts,
or add in the comment section at this time
(pause for names to be added)

Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: I invite you, at this time, to make a gesture of peace to your siblings in Christ.

THE THANK OFFERING

For those who desire to make a financial offering you may drop them off at the offering station before or after service. You may also go to www.stpaulscasco.com and click on the donate icon at any time or mail them to the church during the week.

THE OFFERING PRAYER P: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE 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 the Lord our God.

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

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples. He also took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink.

With these words he made us this promise. At this time, I invite you to lift the bread and cup. Please repeat after me the promise that our Lord gave us.

P: Take and eat; **C: Take and eat.**

P: This is my body, given for you. **C: This is my body given for you.**

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, **C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.**

P: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin. **C: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

P: Do this for the remembrance of me. **C: Do this for the remembrance of me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - sing

C: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE MEAL Pastor: All those who believe in the promise are invited to partake in God's amazing grace at this time.

COMMUNION SONG: Faith of Our Fathers ELW#812

1) Faith of our fa-thers!, Liv-ing still, in spite of dun-geon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glo-rious word.
Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

3) Faith of our fa - thers! We will love, both friend and foe, in all our strife;
Pro-claim thee too, as love knows how, by sav-ing word, and faith - ful life.
Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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COMMUNION, POST COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

C: Amen

DOXOLOGY - Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Public Domain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - - - BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth ELW#879

1) For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies;
For the love which from our birth, o-ver and a-round us lies:

REFRAIN: Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

2) For the won-der of each hour, of the day and of the night;
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: **REFRAIN**

4) For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
Friends on earth and friends a-bove; for all gen-tle thoughts and mild: **REFRAIN**

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PLEASE JOIN US OUTSIDE FOR THE BLESSING OF THE TRACTORS

(or watch the additional post of the tractor blessing on Facebook)

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Additional Reading for this week-- - Psalm 22:19-28

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Pastor's Midweek Facebook Devotional

7 p.m. Wed., June 22, 2022

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Note it will be left on the sight for viewing also at a later time.