Worship Service ~ June 30, 2024 9:00 am Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith. MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored in celebration of everyone who was born in 1959!

PRELUDE *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* Christian H. Bateman, arr. Mark Hayes; Dan Bridston, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OPENING SONG ELW #712 LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE stz 1, 3, 4

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *~Silence for Reflection~*

L: God our provider help us,

C: It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen. L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY L: Let us pray, C: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Then Will I Jehovah Praise"* by G.F. Handel; Emily Karlsrud, vocalist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 24th chapter of Luke. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 24:48-49

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

R: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

R: A reading from Acts.

Acts 7:54-8:1; 9:1-19

⁵⁴When [the council] heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. ¹And Saul approved of their killing him.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." "The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ OFFERING TIME ELW #487 WHAT FEAST OF LOVE stz 1, 2, 3



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OFFERTORY ELW #186 CREATE IN ME

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L: In your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS Words by Rusty Edwards, 1987; Music by John Wyeth, 1813

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE MUSIC *"Lift High the Cross"* Sidney Hugh Nicholson, arr. John Carter; Dan Bridston, piano

Next week's scripture: Acts 10:1-48

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