

June 2, 2024
Second Day after
Pentecost

Mt. Calvary, Upper Northfield
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Service of the Word

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP – (written by Christine Longhurst)

Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,
let's praise God together!

For listening when we call,
answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:
let's praise God together!

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SINGING SISTERS

A story of Humility by Katherena Vermette & Irene Kuziw

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In - Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 532

Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UL7phnK7qPs>

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 – ELW p. 184

CANTICAL OF PRAISE – ELW p. 18

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Healing God, we carry in this body we are, the dying Jesus who breathes life into us. We are afflicted and perplexed; persecuted and worn out. And yet we are humbled because you bring life from death and place us in your Reign of love. Grace us with the realization we are wonderfully made and truly blessed in our needing one another and in our being healed together in Jesus, our peace. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (NRSV)

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

PSALM - Psalm 81:1-10(NRSV)

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.

Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

for this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob.

God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I did not know:

"I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.

You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

There shall be no strange god among you;

you shall not worship a foreign god.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (NRSV)

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 2:23-3:6(NRSV)

The holy gospel according to Mark

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service – Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 712
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcM-ljmh8QY>

APOSTLE'S 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

Healing God, may we be reminded that while like the wolf, each of us possesses power and strength, that we are stronger together. Remind us that each life is important and that even your smallest creations play a big role in maintaining the delicate ecosystem of our world.
God of unity, **Help us to be humble like the Wolf.**

Healing God, remind us that we have much to learn from one another. Help us to be intentional to make intergenerational connections and to build relationships with those who come from all different cultures, communities, and experiences so that we can learn from one another and grow together.
God of respect, **Help us to be humble like the Wolf.**

Healing God, help us to embrace our gifts and share them with others without being boastful, arrogant, or self-important.
God of selflessness, **Help us to be humble like the Wolf.**

Healing God, help us to not be so proud that we cannot admit the ways in which where we fall short. Help us to have the humility to seek the support we need.
God of balance, **Help us to be humble like the Wolf.**

Healing God, remind us that in Your infinite universe we are but mustard seeds. Draw us close to You Creator and may we always look to You for guidance and teaching.
God of power and strength, **Help us to be humble like the Wolf.**

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Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Amen.

MAORI LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace;
Have courage;
Hold onto what is good;
Return no evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak, and help the suffering;
Honour all people;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing – All Creation Sings #389
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G99I-JugQU0>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Help us to be humble like the Wolf.
Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. John's will be hosting a **Penny Auction** on Saturday, June 8 from 10 am – 1 pm. A variety of new, "like new" items, crafts, and baked goods will be up for auction.
- **Common Table:** Wednesday, June 12 @ 5:30 p.m., St. John's will be serving supper. Come out and enjoy a warm meal and fellowship. All are Welcome!
- **Council Meeting** is on Tuesday, 11 @ 7 p.m.
- **Fellowship Sunday:** Sunday, June 16 following worship service.
- **Spring Bible Study** will conclude on Tuesday, June 4 at St. John's.
- There will be a **Lunenburg County Parish** meeting for members of St. John's on Sunday, June 9 following worship.
- If you would like to place a memorial for **Father's Day**, please contact the church office by June 13th.

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