

MISSION SERVICE

JUNE 25, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

CHILDREN

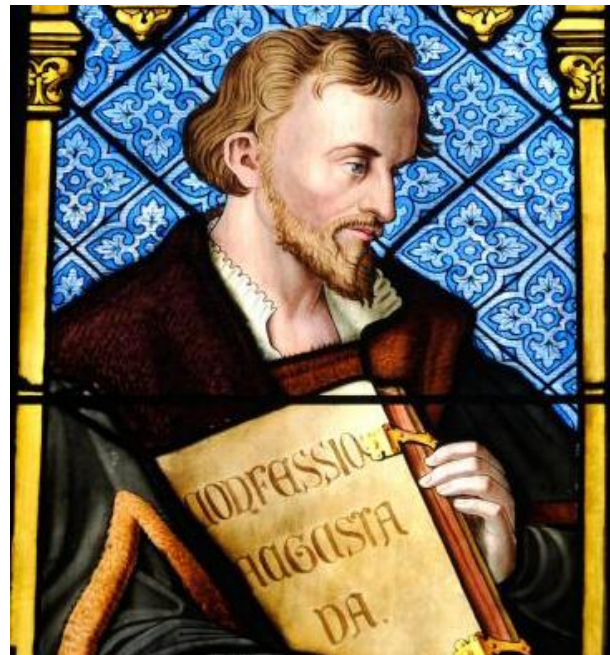
We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus declared that His words may not bring peace, but division. When we stand for truth and justice and proclaim the message Jesus has given us, we may be hated and persecuted. But do not be afraid or discouraged. Our lives are in God's loving care. Even the hairs of our head are counted. We are marked with the cross of Christ forever. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life forever.

COMMEMORATIONS

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 - *On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melancthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. In 1580 when the Book of Concord was drawn up, the unaltered Augsburg Confession was included as the principal Lutheran confession.*



Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church (1497–1560) - *Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon (meh-lahnk-ton) is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as “the teacher of Germany.” The University of Wittenberg hired him as its first professor of Greek, and there he became a friend of Luther. Melanchthon was a popular professor--even his classes at six in the morning had as many as six hundred students. As a reformer he was known for his conciliatory spirit and for finding areas of agreement with fellow Christians. He was never ordained.*

Abdiwelli Ahmed, Day of the Christian Martyr 2023 Inductee - *Abdiwelli Ahmed descended from a long line of devout Muslims from Somalia, where “to be Somali means to be Muslim.” He was taught that Islam was in his blood. But in 1993, while in college, he began questioning Islam and comparing the Quran to the Bible. The more Abdiwelli read the Bible, the more he fell in love with it. After many discussions with a Christian friend, he put his trust in Jesus Christ. When other students and faculty learned that he had left Islam, they considered Abdiwelli dangerous to their faith. “I was beaten up,” Abdiwelli said. “All sorts of bad things were done to me. My life was in danger.” “When I first met Abdiwelli,” a woman from Nigeria named Helen said, “he told me, ‘I love the Lord and I’m ready to die for Christ.’” Eventually, the two married and served the Somali people through an agriculture-development ministry and boldly shared the gospel with them. “When we received death threats,” his wife Helen would say later, “We’d pray together and that would give us peace, because God said he would be with us.” At noon on Feb. 7, 2013, 20 years after Abdiwelli placed his faith in Christ, three assassins shot him to death as he talked with a pastor in the center of town. Despite her great loss and sadness, Helen said she knew God would use her husband’s martyrdom to advance his kingdom.*

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (ELW # 798 - favorite)

1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't know
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you

1-4 and nev - er be the same?
 5 and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be grown
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer pray'r
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I mean
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and sound
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow

1-4 in you and you in me?"
 5 in you and you in me.

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who forgives all our sin,
Whose mercy endures forever.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let
us confess our sin.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "*Let the Whole Creation Cry*"

(ELW # 876)

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 War-riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn - ing with his word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702, adapt.; arr. J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: **C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

(congregation reads indented)

Hear, O LORD, and answer me,

for I am poor and needy.

Guard my life, for I am devoted to You.

You are my God; save Your servant who trusts in You.

Have mercy on me, O Lord,

for I call to You all day long.

Bring joy to Your servant,

for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

You are forgiving and good, O Lord,

abounding in love to all who call to You.

Hear my prayer, O LORD;

listen to my cry for mercy.

In the day of my trouble I will call to You,

for You will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord;

no deeds can compare with Yours.

All the nations You have made will come

and worship before You, O Lord;

they will bring glory to Your name.

For You are great and do marvelous deeds;

You alone are God.

Turn to me and have mercy on me;

**grant Your strength to Your servant
and save the son of Your maidservant.**

Give me a sign of Your goodness,

that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,

for You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “Jesus Is Lord of All”

(Maj # 185 - favorite - Gloria & William Gaither)

1 All my to - mor - rows, all my past - Je - sus is Lord of
 2 All of my con - flicts, all my thoughts - Je - sus is Lord of
 3 All of my long - ings, all my dreams - Je - sus is Lord of

1 all. I've quit my strug - gles, con - tent - ment at last!
 2 all. His love wins the bat - tles I could not have fought;
 3 all. All of my fail - ures His pow - er re - deems;

Je - sus is Lord of all. King of kings, Lord of lords,
 Je - sus is Lord of all; All my pos - ses - sions and
 all my life, Je - sus is Lord of all.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGGenesis 21:8-21.....Pew Bible p. 29

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGRomans 6:1-11.....p. 1754

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” verse 1 (ELW # 802 abridged)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide;
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, Je - sus, here I share your woe;
I shall fol - low where you guide.
we shall joy ce - les - tial know.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 10:24-39.....p. 1512

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Enemies in Your Own Household”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (Maj # 508 - favorite)

1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in
2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my flick - 'ring torch to
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from

thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain and
thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

Text: George Matheson, 1842–1906, alt. Music: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, 1844–1912

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord's Prayer*:

L: To Whom do we address the petitions of the Lord's Prayer?

C: “Our Father who art in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9)

L: What does this mean?

C: God would thereby tenderly urge us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.

L: What is The First Petition?

C: “Hallowed be Thy name.” (*Matthew 6:9*)

L: What does this mean?

C: God’s name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Outdoor Summer Concert

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD’S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN (*Please rise.*)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (Maj # 589 - favorite)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised To serve Thee to the end; Be Thou for-ev - er
 2 O let me feel Thee near me, The world is ev - er near; I see the sights that
 3 O Je - sus, Thou hast promised To all who fol-low Thee That where Thou art in

1 near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend; I shall not fear the bat-tle, If Thou art
 2 daz-zle, The tempt-ingsounds I hear; My foes are ev - er near me, A-round me
 3 glo - ry There shall Thy ser-vant be; And, Je - sus, I have prom-ised To serve Thee

1 by my side, Nor wan - der from the path-way If Thou wilt be my Guide.
 2 and with - in; But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.
 3 to the end; O give me grace to fol - low My Mas - ter and my Friend.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
 Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
 You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham
SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski
PROJECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Jim Femister
LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-**VOL NEEDED**
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LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Jim Femister
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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