



## July 2, 2023 9:00am 5th Sunday of Pentecost

### worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today, the music is found in the red hymnal (**ELW**) and the purple hymnal (**ACS**). If you are a visitor, please sign the red worship pad found in the pew. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us.

Please enjoy coffee & conversation after worship (Fellowship Hall)!

### about the readings today

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*'My Lord, What a Morning'*

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### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(silence for reflection)*

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(silence for reflection)*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"As We Gather At Your Table"* **ELW#522**

### 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

*"In peace let us pray..."* **ELW p.165**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"This is the Feast"* **ELW p.169**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING** **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

**SECOND READING** **Romans 6:12-23**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?”* **ELW p.171**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 10:40-42**

*Before:* **Glory to you, O Lord**      *After:* **Praise to you, O Christ**

**MESSAGE** Pastor David Weeks

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”* **ELW#802**

**NICENE CREED**  
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*after each petition:* God, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

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

**MEAL**

**OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC** *“Jordan’s Angels”* by Rollo Dilworth  
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**OFFERING PRAYER**  
God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

- All are invited and welcome to participate in Communion.
- Communicants should approach the altar down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Ushers will guide you.
- Non-alcoholic juice is available. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.
- Please notify the ushers if you would like Communion from your seat.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *“Spirit, Open My Heart”* **ACS#1043**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Let us pray. **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** *‘The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve’* **ACS#988**

**DISMISSAL**  
Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *‘Battle Hymn of the Republic’*  
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Announcements

Be sure to subscribe to receive weekly emails from us!  
You can do so on our website at [www.northfieldstp.org/email](http://www.northfieldstp.org/email)

Mary Stein’s Funeral

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gary Stein and his family for the loss of our sister in Christ, Mary. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, July 6, 2023, at St. Peter’s.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recital

Richard Collman will be performing an organ recital on Wednesday, July 12th from 12:15-12:45 at St. Peter's.

Sonshine Youth Events

7/12 Romans + Christians | St. John’s Church | 6:30 – 8pm

8/9 | Feed My Starving Children Service Project | Meet at Bethel at 3:45pm. We will bus there and eat dinner on our way back. Returning to Bethel by 8:15pm.

8/23 | Scavenger Hunt |Downtown Northfield, meet in Central Park | 6:30-8pm.

St. Paul Saints Game Excursion | Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up sheet located on the welcome desk.

Tickets \$50/person (includes bus fare)

Bus will load at St. Peters at 12:15 and depart for St. Paul at 12:30.

Group Updates

Rachel Circle will resume their monthly meetings in September, second Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Fireside Room.

Hannah Circle will next meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

SOLOS group will meet next on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at the Northfield Golf Club.

Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Larry O., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Mary S., Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char).

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.

Today’s Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Julia Daly

Ushers: Emerson + Madilyn Terpstra

Special Music / Women of the Choir: Faith Bergemann, Sandy Bremer, Julia Daly, Megan DeMaris, Marilyn Finneseth, Claire Hill, Sonja Link, Jolene Manzey, Michon Weeks

Piano: Mary Kay Bougie

Hospitality: David + Polly Hendee

Would you like to follow along with today’s readings?

For today’s lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone’s camera:



Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter’s. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.

“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”  
— Meister Eckhart



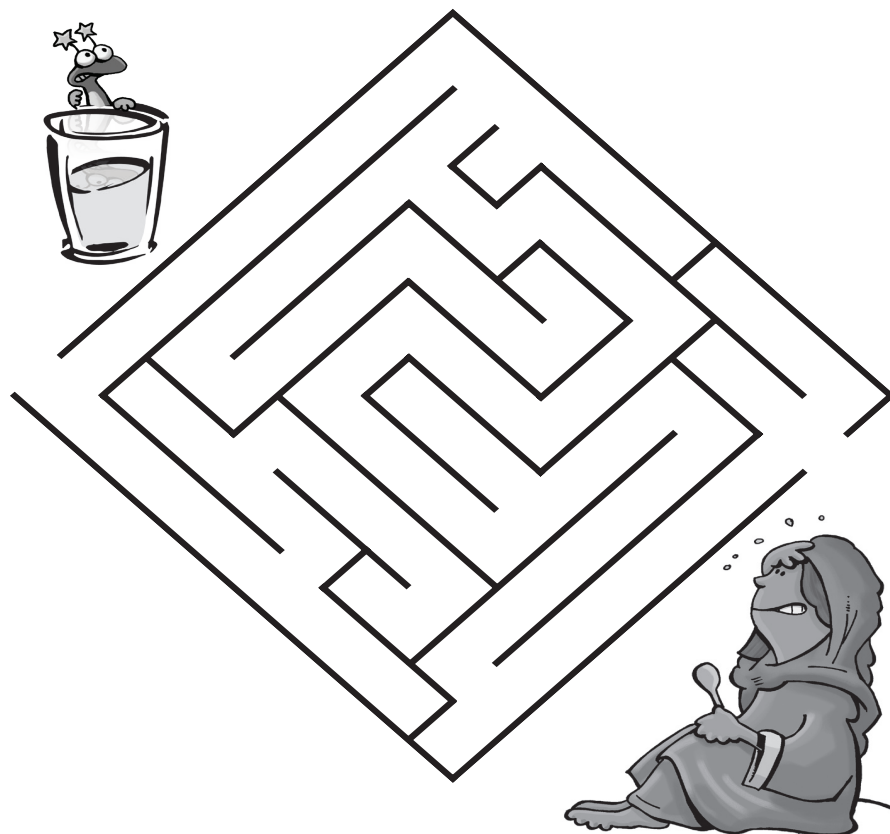


## Kids' Corner

Continued

This week, Jesus tells us to be welcoming. One way to be welcoming is to give water to someone who is thirsty.

**Help Squiggles bring the glass of water to the thirsty person!**



## Kids' Corner

Pentecost 5

- Today is the **fifth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol for Pentecost is a **tree**.
- Trees symbolize **new life and growth**.
- During Pentecost, we celebrate the **growth of the church**!

### Look in the Leaves!

These words tell about ways that your church can grow. Each word can finish this sentence: Our church...

Search for the words inside the tree!

Feeds  
Teaches  
Learns

Comforts  
Shares

Gives  
Welcomes

