

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Faith Lutheran Church  
June 11, 2023

*The Reverend Margaret Brack, Presiding*  
*Nancy Robbins, Music Director*

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad that you have joined us in worship today. Please sign our Guest Book in the lobby after worship if you have not already done so. If you have any questions, please contact one of our Worship Leaders. We will be happy to help.

*Announcements and Prayer Requests*

(\*please stand as you are able)

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P:	Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C:	<b>Amen.</b>
P:	Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C:	<b>Amen.</b>
P:	Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  Most merciful God,
C:	<b>we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.</b>
P:	God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C:	<b>Amen.</b>

**\*Gathering Hymn**

**Here in This Place (Gather Us In)**

**WOV 718**

**v. 1-4**

# \*Kyrie



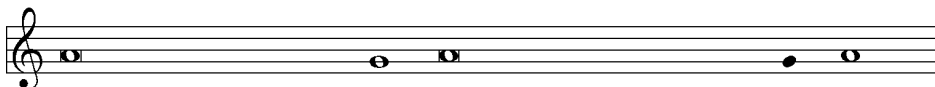
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



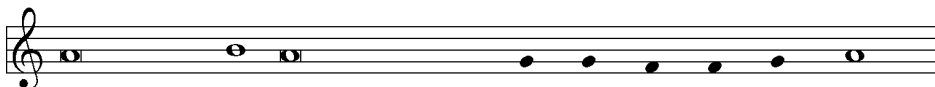
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - - men

## **\*GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **⚡ WORD ⚡**

*We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.*

## **First Reading**

## **Deuteronomy 5: 12-18**

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 81: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>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:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**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

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

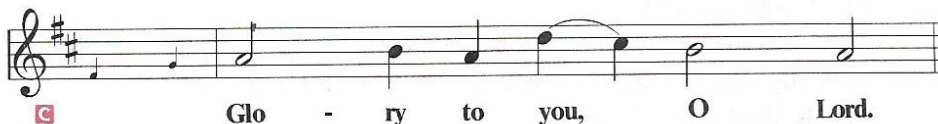
P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.



## Gospel

## Mark 2: 23—3:6

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” <sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## Sermon

**“Treasures in Clay Jars” The Reverend Margaret Brack**

**Hymn of the Day** *The Church of Christ, In Every Age* **LBW 433**

*v. 1, 2, 3, 5*

### **\*Nicene Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**C: 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 Intercession**

A: Merciful God

**C: Receive our prayer**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

*You are invited to greet one another in the name of Christ*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Offering Collection**



## \*Offertory

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## \*Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

*When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience his love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.*



### \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to  
eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

P: And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

**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 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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*Invitation to Communion**

P: The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the Goodness and mercy of God.

P: For those unable to be present to receive Holy Communion

**C: Although I am not present physically in the church, I pray that I may receive the Body and Blood of Christ spiritually and be fed in the fullness of worship. Amen**

## **\*Blessing after Communion**

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



‡ SENDING ‡

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

**\*Blessing**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing LBW 363**

**v. 1, 4, 5**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

*This Week's Volunteers*

<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>
<b><i>Mitchell Family</i></b>	<b><i>Becca Yamakawa</i></b>	<b><i>Yamakawa Family</i></b>	<b><i>Katie Fowlkes</i></b>	<b><i>Karen Price</i></b>

*Next Week's Volunteers*

<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Reader</i>
<b><i>Karen Price</i></b>	<b><i>Olive Fowlkes</i></b>	<b><i>Edie Hooke</i></b>	<b><i>Cindy Mitchell</i></b>	<b><i>Karen Price</i></b>

## Upcoming Events

- June 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday** Pastor Margaret and Jim will sing the national anthem at the Shorebirds game. Come hear them sing & join in fellowship
- June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Friday &  
Saturday** DE-MD Synod Assembly will be held in Winchester. Pastor Margaret and Jim will attend as representatives of Faith.
- June 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Sunday** We will join in worship at St. Alban's at 10:30 and we will have a joint picnic following worship. Faith will be closed.
- June 15<sup>th</sup>,  
Saturday** Juneteenth Festival and Parade
- June 16<sup>th</sup>,  
Sunday** Book Study will begin, after worship service and led by Pastor Margaret, details to be announced
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Sunday** Lay-led service AND Fathers' Day celebration after worship. Be sure to join us to be honored or to help!
- June 29<sup>th</sup>,  
Saturday** Salisbury Pride Festival and Parade
- July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Vacation Bible School 2024-"WAVES OF GRATITUDE" from 5:00pm to 7:30pm at St. Peter's Church. 115 St. Peter's street. Salisbury, MD 21801

*Please keep in  
prayer:*

*The Dunkleburger Family (Ryan Malone's aunt, uncle, and cousins), Pastor Harry and Carol Wolpert, Sharon, Scott and Jaimie, Richie (Pr. Carol's Son for deployment), Brian Mitchell and Family, Pam (Bill and Connie's daughter), Louisa & Edie's family; Twain and Alison Evanson: Linda Riehl and her husband; Wendy; Merritt and Nancy Robbins (for healing), Cheryl and Earl Ludy; Bill and Connie; Richard Mitchell and Family; Caitlin; Nehemias; Ava; Jazzy; Ryan;*