

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ, to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED: DR. JOHN SCHUDER (Sunday services)

ORGAN PRELUDE Trumpet Tune

David German

Please stand

HYMN 855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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.

APOSTOLIC 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: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does

not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Michael Burkhardt

*This touch of love, this taste of peace, how can it last and still increase? I cannot bear to have this air of wonder cease.
This happy feast, this friendly bond, how can I keep it long beyond this fleeting hour, this surge of power, this treasure found?
Christ Jesus, You are what I need, the Bread and Wine on which I feed, no friend so true, no life so new—I'm rich indeed!
O Savior, now my spirit raise, give new direction to my ways, in all I view, in all I do, to give You praise.*

--Jaroslav J. Vajda

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al le lu ia, al le lu ia!

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P: The Holy Gospel according to the fifth chapter of Mark.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the

synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He

strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 769 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

SERMON

Seth Jersild

ANTHEM

Charles Talmadge

*Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesus, of Thy love befriend us,
Thou refresh us, Thou defend us, Thine eternal goodness send us
in the land of life to see; Thou, Who all things canst and knowest,
Who on earth such food bestoweth, grant us with Thy saints,
though lowest, where the heavenly feast Thou showest, fellow heirs
and guests to be.*

–St. Thomas Aquinas

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

Response:

P: ...Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy.....

...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. 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."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Please follow the instructions from the pastor for distribution.

Believing in the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine of the Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sin, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

FINISHING COMMUNION AT HOME AFTER CHURCH St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City OH



For your safety and comfort, we are distributing pre-packaged communion kits to members during worship for everyone to take home, rather than eating and drinking in the church building.

The bread and wine will be consecrated with the Words of Jesus during worship, and will be ready to consume afterwards. However, since it is important to have the words of Jesus fresh in our ears before taking the sacrament, we strongly encourage you to use the following order of service once you get home.

First, unpeel the wafer(s) from the top of the package. Next, unseal the juice and place the wafer and juice before you on a table, so they are ready to be consumed.

Then, say the following aloud (or have someone in your group say it for everyone): *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."*

Now, partake of the wine and bread, trusting that the resurrected Lord Jesus is truly present in the sacrament **for you**, giving you the fullness of his forgiveness, life, and salvation.

After eating and drinking, we suggest saying the following prayer aloud (or have someone in your group say it for everyone): *We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy, you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

JUNE 27, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Healing and salvation begin now.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life
Monday	Lamentations 3:22-33	There is still hope
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Generous giving
Wednesday	Acts 4:23-31	Believers pray for boldness
Thursday	Isaiah 57:14-19	The Lord helps the helpless
Friday	Luke 4:31-41	Jesus heals many people
Saturday	Psalms 30	God turns mourning into dancing
Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." Mark 5:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Lord Jesus, in the midst of difficult times touch us with your love and send us your peace and hope in our daily lives. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and pray that all may receive food to live, serve, and love you and others through Jesus, the great healer. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know the saving grace given to you through Jesus Christ.



JUNE 27, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come, Ye Disconsolate



taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you or someone you know had difficult times? Explain.
- Where do you find comfort when you are going through difficult times?
- Not all illnesses are cured and not all difficulties are resolved. How has faith in God eased your pain or that of a friend's pain during an illness?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 5:21-43.

On the way to restore Jairus' daughter to life, Jesus realizes that healing power had gone from him to someone in the crowd. He inquires who touched him to receive the healing. A woman comes forward and explains that for 12 years she had suffered with hemorrhages (a flow of blood) that did not cease. Not only did it make her weak, it made her ritually unclean and unfit to be with others. In other words, not only did she experience physical suffering, she experienced isolation and social suffering. She was desperate and thought she might be healed through touching Jesus' garment. Jesus' first word of response was to call her "daughter," that is, someone who belongs to the community. He then adds, "*your faith has made you well*" (v. 34). The Greek text can equally be translated as "your faith has saved you." The same word for healing is the word for being saved. Salvation and healing begin for this woman because of her faith, a faith borne out of desperation. Her faith was not an expression of confidence and trust; it was simply an openness to hope against hope. With Jesus' response, she is brought into community and healed. When has faith felt more like taking a risk than a show of confidence and trust?

Pray: Healing God, we thank you that you touch us with your saving grace now and always through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



The woman who touched Jesus' clothes and was healed was an outcast among her own people. Her illness meant that others saw her as unclean and avoided her. Who are the people in your community that are often looked down upon or left out? What act of kindness can you do for someone who may be feeling left out in some way?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Appropriate touch is a way of expressing love and care for others. Research has shown that as humans we need the touch of others to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. Holding hands while praying and blessing someone with the sign of the cross on their hand or forehead are forms of a healthy touch. Hold hands while praying the Lord's Prayer. Then bless one another:

May God bless you to know that Jesus has touched you with peace today.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 27, 2021

“Do not fear, only believe.” (Mark 5:36)

Two very different people in distress seek help from Jesus. One is an official, Jairus, and the other is a woman with no name. However, they share a mutual characteristic in that they both have faith and believe Jesus could be the answer to their problems.

The woman is fearful, thinking Jesus will rebuke her. But he doesn't. Instead, he says, “Daughter, your faith has made you well.” Jesus doesn't say, “Because you have worked up great faith in me, I've decided to heal you.” Rather he says, “Your faith in me is honored by me.” She has a relationship with Jesus so whether healed or not, she still trusts Jesus.

Jairus asks Jesus for help. But because Jesus was delayed by healing the woman, Jairus' daughter dies. The crowd mocks Jairus with “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But when Jesus comes around, we have to say it ain't over til it's over! The daughter is brought back to life. With this miracle, Jesus is basically saying to Jairus, “Don't be afraid, keep on believing, keep on trusting.”

Perhaps these stories are mirrors. Some of us trust and are faithful in such a way that when we find ourselves in a desperate situation, like Jairus, we come down off our high horse and ask for help. Others of us are like the woman who is desperate and totally dependent on Jesus to make a way when there is no way. Still others may be like the mocking crowd. All this faith-healing and Jesus-pleading stuff may seem a bit “goofy.” We are sophisticated, scientific, critical-thinking people. We see some wild faithhealer on TV and we scoff and mock.

The good news is sometimes faith comes about in desperation. We hit bottom, or life spins out of control, or we get such bad news there is nothing we can do about it. So we call out to Jesus and are surprised to learn we've been given more faith than we thought we had. He turns to us, blesses us, gives us what we need, not as a payoff from our faith but rather as a mysterious, incomprehensible outpouring of his love and grace for us.

It's when we're desperate and all we've got left is trust, we trust that Jesus is not only God, but also God for us. Desperate? Jesus is the one in whom you can have faith. **Amen.**