

2023

*“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”*

*But because of his  
great love for us,  
God, who is rich  
in mercy,  
made us alive  
with Christ  
even when we were  
dead in transgressions~  
it is by grace  
you have been saved.  
Ephesians 2:4-5*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to  
hear and join in today's Worship service**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.  
Psalm 29:1, 2*

**Call Statement:***“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”***Mission Statement:***“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships  
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

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**WELCOME AND PRAYER****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**All: Amen.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you**  
(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

## SONG

### I Will Follow

#### Verse 1

All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure;  
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight,  
High above my life; I will trust in You alone.

#### Chorus 1

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah I will follow You, yeah.

#### Verse 2

Light into the world, Light into my life -  
I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek,  
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone.  
In You alone. (Chorus 1)

#### Bridge

In You, there's life everlasting.  
In You, there's freedom for my soul.  
In You, there's joy unending joy;  
And I will follow. (Chorus 1 then Chorus 2)

#### Chorus 2

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow  
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty and Eternal God,

All: **By your Son You promised us the forgiveness of sins,  
righteousness and eternal life. By Your Holy Spirit lead  
and awaken our hearts that we daily pray for help in all  
afflictions, seek to be near Him, and believing the  
promise of His Word, obtain what we pray for, and at  
last be saved; through Your Son Jesus Christ, Who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true  
God, now and forever. Amen.**

Veit Dietrich, Reformation Theologian and friend of Luther

## LESSONS

Psalm 91:1-10

Romans 6:12-23

## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21 - 33

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

### *Reality of Following Jesus*

## HYMN

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### If You But Trust in God to Guide You

#### Verse 1

If you but trust in God to guide you  
And place your confidence in Him,  
You'll find Him always there beside you,  
To give You hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
Build on the rock that will not move.

#### Verse 2

What gain is there in futile weeping,  
In helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in His care and keeping,  
In sorrow will He love you less?  
For He Who took for you a cross  
Will bring you safe through ev-'ry loss.

### **Verse 3**

**In patient trust await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take what-e'r Your Father's pleasure  
and all - discerning love have sent;  
Doubt not your inmost wants are known  
To Him Who chose you for His own.**

### **Verse 4**

**Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Offer your service faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
You'll find His promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED** (in unison)

**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 INTERCESSION**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the

world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: 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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

**All: 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 OF COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, 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 toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE SENDING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

### **SONG**

**Happiness is the Lord**

**Verse 1**

**Happiness is to know the Savior,  
Living a life within His favor,  
Having a change in my behavior -  
Happiness is the Lord;**

**Verse 2**

**Happiness is a new creation,  
"Jesus and me" in close relation,  
Having a part in His salvation -  
Happiness is the Lord;**

### **Bridge**

**Real joy is mine, No matter if teardrops start;  
I've found the secret - It's Jesus in my heart!**

### **Verse 3**

**Happiness is to be forgiven,  
Living a life that's worth the livin',  
Taking a trip that leads to heaven -  
Happiness is the Lord.**

### **Ending**

**Happiness is the Lord, Happiness is the Lord.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**NEXT SUNDAY July 2, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 119:153-160 Romans 7:1-13**

**Matthew 10:34-42**

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worship today**

**You are invited to come to our fellowship hall and  
sit down for some coffee, cookies and  
conversation with your Faith in Christ family.**

**Day Camp THIS WEEK!!!**