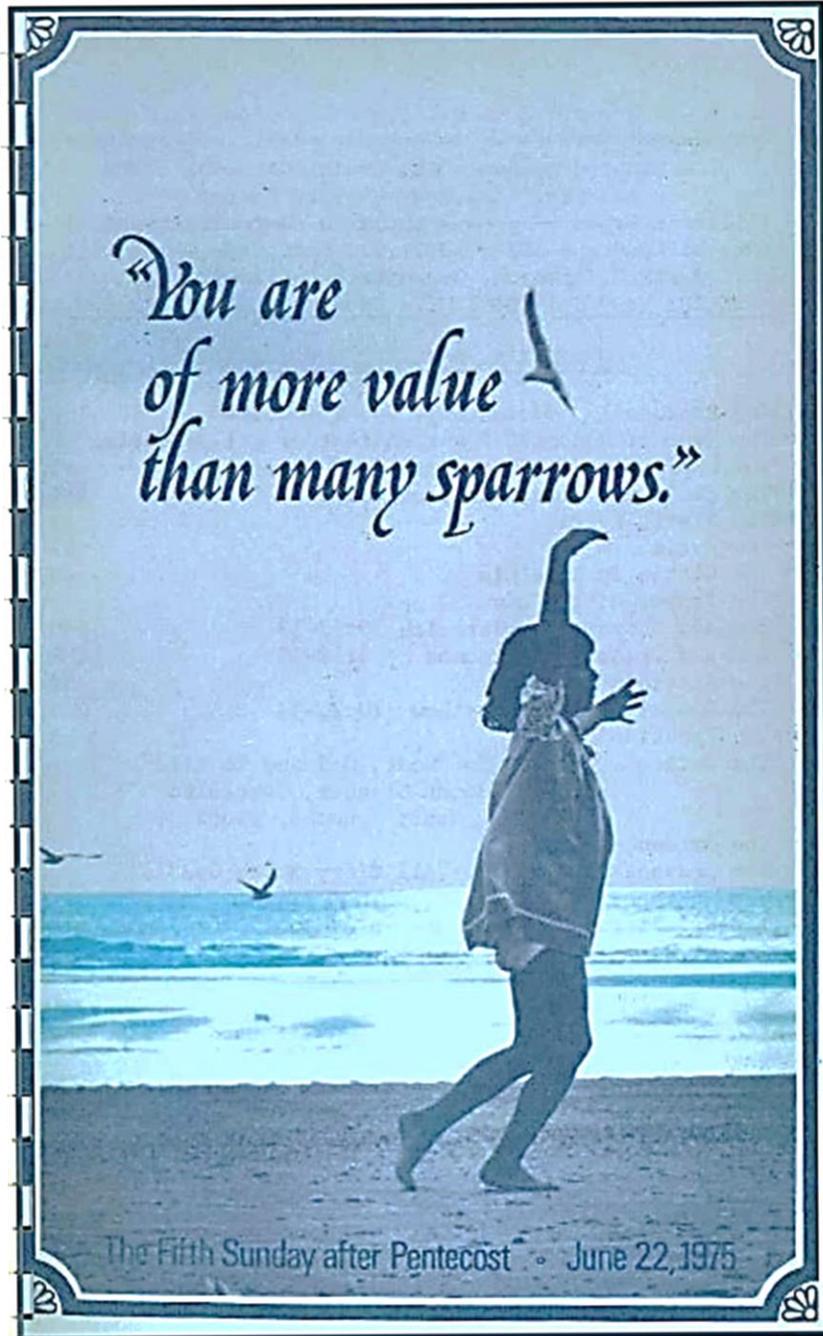


2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22nd, 2025

Worship Leader/Visitor/Large Print Guide



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Holy Communion, ELW Setting 3

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Sarabande*

J. S. Bach

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p.97)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

HYMN# 452

GREETING:

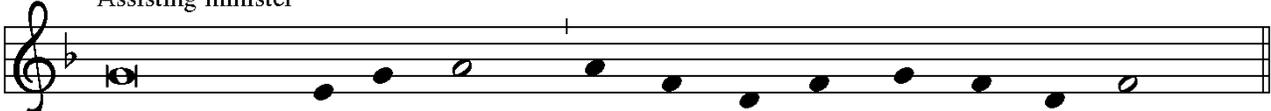
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Gloria*

front of hymnal p. 139

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



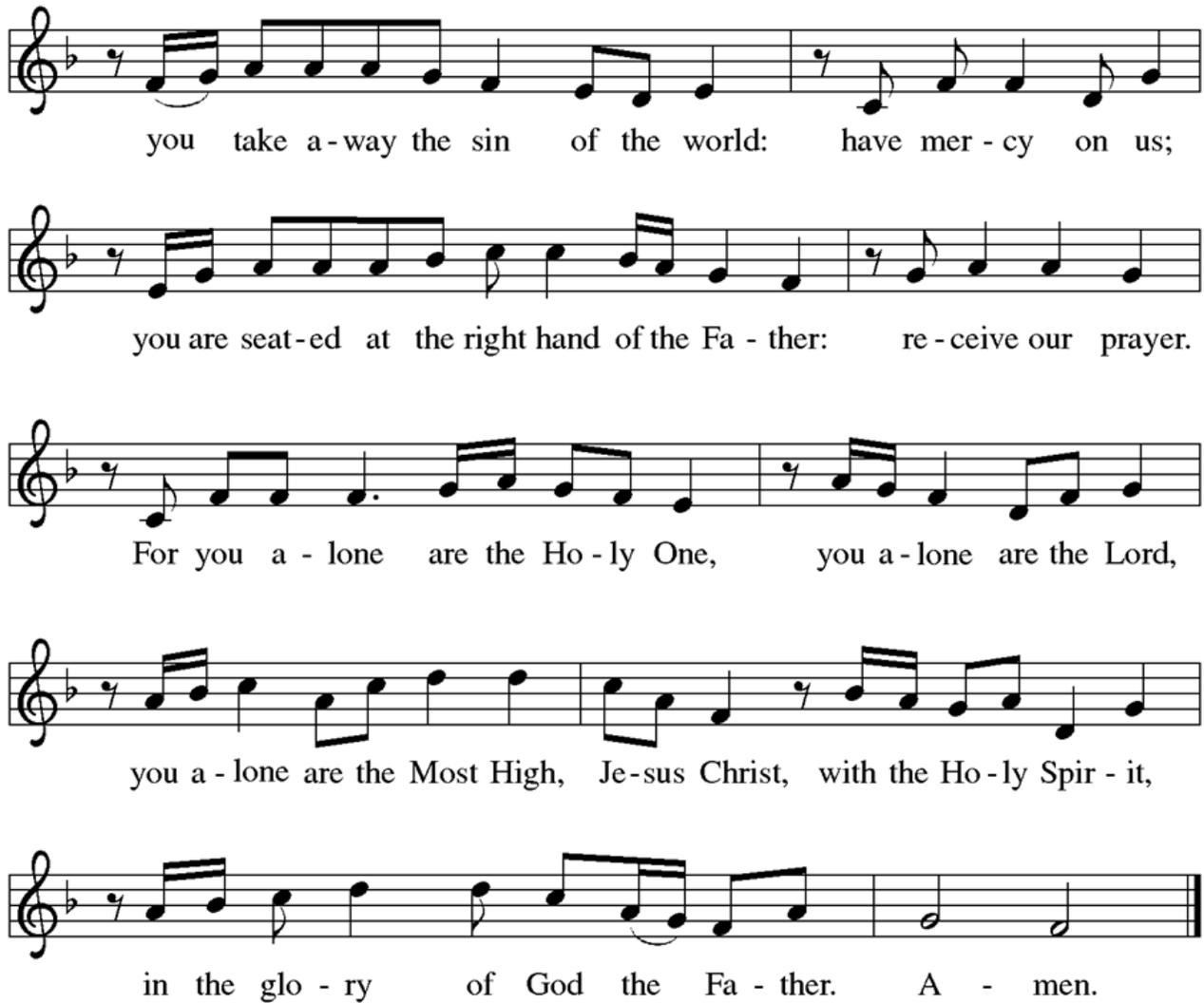
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

MISSION MOMENT

Cayce Morice, Church Council

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 22:19-28

A cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me | from the sword,**
my life from the power | of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name | to my people;**
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is**
the Lord's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.
- ²⁶ **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- ²⁸ **For dominion belongs | to the Lord,**
who rules o- | ver the nations.

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

Cast Out, O Christ

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

AM: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

AM: . . . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

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

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, using the words of the risen Lord: Peace be with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE 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 our thanks and praise.

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

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

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Lamb of God*

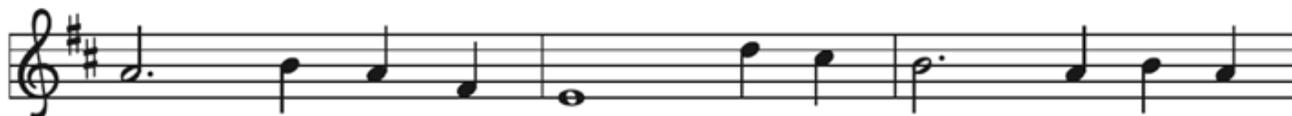
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

HYMN# 611

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

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

HYMN# 445

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Crown Him with Many Crowns and Rejoice, the Lord Is King with Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary* by George Elvey/John Darwall/ Jeremiah arr. by Marilyn Ham

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cindy Breed: healing

Barb Johnson: healing and strength

Family and Friends of Margaret Thome': comfort and peace as they mourn her death

Sue Hackman: healing

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Pam (healing); Marty (healing); Judy H (comfort)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Tom (brother): comfort and love as he navigates terminal cancer	<i>Natalie Traylor Fontana</i>
Marc (safe travels), Avonna (surgery)	<i>Beth Jung</i>
Melissa (employment), Mom and Dad (continued health), City of St. Louis	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Tom (health); Deborah (successful surgery)	<i>Cayce Morice</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar; Ginny Olson (healing and strength); Sister Marie Orf (healing and strength); Marcelle (successful treatment); Jojo (healing and courage); all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
The Hoppe Family, - Jessica, Justin, Henry, Andy and Olie; All Children of God celebrating Pride Month!	<i>Penny Family</i>
Sister Barb - Pray they get recurring A. fib under control and give her strength	<i>Colleen Reinhardt</i>
Mary's brother Carl (peaceful death)	<i>Mary Scanlan</i>
Thanks for blessings received	<i>Kate Schejbal</i>
For Gaye, in her journey with cancer	<i>Schuessler Family</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **50 Year “Throw-back” bulletins** begin today in the regular print (not large print), inspired by Gethsemane’s Archives! These bulletins save time and paper, allowing work on other church projects and vacations. They also encourage us to read from our Bibles- and get to know and use the front of the hymnals.
- **“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”** is rooted in the deep faith and resilience of enslaved people. First documented in the post-Civil War era, it draws imagery from the story of Elijah being taken to heaven in a fiery chariot (2 Kings 2:11). It was both a hymn of hope for heavenly deliverance and a coded message in the Underground Railroad.
- The **June Big Ask** is shampoo and conditioner. Place donations for Big Ask items in the cabinets near the shopping cart. Items placed **IN** the cart go to our Free Food Pantry.
- **Little Free Pantry Items** needed include jelly, mac n’ cheese, bottled water and lotion
- **Vacation Bible School!** VBS will be held at Gethsemane on July 28-August 1. There is still time to sign up children and for teen and adult volunteers.
- **VBS Meeting Today** after Worship in the Conference Room.
- **God’s Work Our Hands** – Tentative date 8/24. Contact Leah if you have a project idea!
- **The Messenger has a digital format!** If you have any items to include for the July newsletter, please send them to Gretchen at glcstlsocialmedia@gmail.org by **June 25**.

*** THIS WEEK AT GETHSEMANE ***

- Monday, 6/23 – 11:30 am Women’s Luncheon at LasFuentes. RSVP to Debbie Schaller.
6 pm Northhampton Neighbors meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, 6/24 - 10 am Bible Study in the Chapel
- Wednesday, 6/25 - 10 am–noon, Church staff meeting, phones unanswered, MESSENGER SUBMISSIONS DUE.

***UPCOMING ***

- July 28-Aug 1 – Vacation Bible School, Registration is open for campers and volunteers!
- Sept. 6 – Holy Road Trip to Branson: Where Jesus Walked with St. Phillips Lutheran Church members! \$120 for trip, \$65 deposit due June 22. See enews!

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

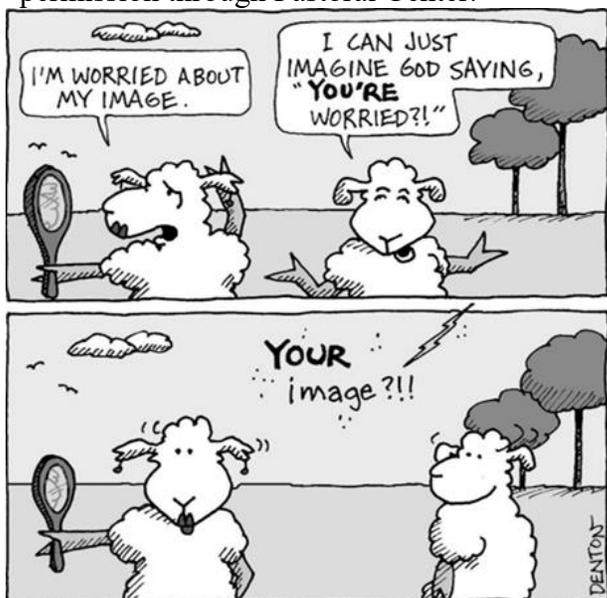
People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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