Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m.



GATHERING: The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

† Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

†GATHERING SONG I Saw the Light

(1) I wan-dered so aim-less, life filled with sin, I would-n't let my dear Sav-ior in;Then Je-sus came like a strang-er in the night, Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Refrain: I saw the light, I saw the light, No more in dark-ness, no more in night; Now I'm so hap-py, no sor-row in sight, Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

(2) Just like a blind man I wan-dered a-long, wor-ries and fears I claimed for my own;Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord! I saw the light. **Refrain**

> (3) I was a fool to wan-der and stray, straight is the gate and nar-row the way;
> Now I have tra-ded the wrong for the right, Praise the Lord! I saw the light. Refrain CCLI Song No. 45064, CCLI License No. 2970022

†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.**

†PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY BAPTISM: God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

Hayden Gail Beissel Parents – Kristina & Spencer Beissel Sponsors – Rachel & Matthew Walker

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God. Who presents Adelyn Christine Dahl for baptism?

(Sponsors) We present Hayden Gail Beissel for baptism.

Kellie and Sawyer, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hayden baptized into Christ? (Parents) We do.

As you bring Hayden to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live among God's faithful people, to come to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach and to learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to receive the holy scriptures, and nurture one another in faith and prayer, so that each may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help one another grow in the Christian faith and life? (Parents) We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Hayden in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? (Sponsors) We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Hayden, her parents, and sponsors, and pray for her in her new life in Christ? (Congregation) We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

(All) I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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 to the dead. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Hayden Gail, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain them with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Hayden, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

WORD: God speaks to us in Scriptures read, sung and preached.

STORY TIME

READING: Psalm 85:8-13 (pew Bible p. 473), please read responsively
⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹²The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
¹³Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ELW 697

SONG

Just a Closer Walk with Thee Refrain: Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea; dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

(1) I am weak but thou art strong:
Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be sat-is-fied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain

(2) Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur-den shares?None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain

 (3) When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er
 to thy king-dom shore, to thy shore. Refrain Public Domain

†GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:14-29 (pew Bible pp. 817-818)

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her. "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Pastor Joy Knoppel

SONG OF THE DAY Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

(1) Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. **Refrain:** My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

(3) The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. **Refrain**

(4) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine. CCLI Song No. 4768151, CCLI License No. 2970022

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

†SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

Children can bring their coins to the giraffe bank in the front. To make an electronic offering or setup a recurring contribution, please scan this QR code:



†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. Amen.

†LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*) 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.

SENDING: The Triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†SENDING BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \pm be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

†SENDING SONG This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

(1) This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (2) Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(3) Je-sus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Je-sus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Je-sus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(4) This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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†**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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