

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2020

Announcements:

Confirmation: In a special service today at 1:00 PM, eight young Christians will vow their faithfulness to God. Due to limited seating, family only will be able to attend in person. We will air the service live on our church Facebook page if you would like to watch.

Congratulations to our confirmands:

Alex Michael Heil – Son of Craig and Kristin Heil

Peyton David Hoflock – Son of Charlie and Heather Hoflock

Martin Larry Krenz – Son of Aaron and Susan Krenz

Chloe Jane Kulla – Daughter of Chad and Deanna Kulla

Connor Lee Martinson – Son of Bob and Mary Jo Martinson

Shelby Jenna Neyens – Daughter of Tim and Jennifer Neyens

Wyatt David Pullman – Son of Chad and Angie Pullman

Lukas John Stelter – Son of Geoffrey and Tricia Stelter

Vacation: Pastor will be out of town on vacation from June 21-26. If you need pastoral care contact Pastor Manian at 507-829-5772.

Pantry Shower: Our new preschool teacher, Ms. Chloe Doble, will be arriving here in Marshall the first week of July. I would like us to welcome her, as we have done other teachers, with a pantry shower. Because of the current “situation” we find ourselves in I think it best we all do GIFT CARDS! Most local businesses offer them. You can also purchase Hy-Vee cards through CLYF in \$10 or \$25 denominations. Those cards can be purchased by sending or dropping off a check to church and we will put the card with all the others and present it to Ms. Doble when she arrives on July 5th. Thanks for showing a welcoming spirit.

Registration: A reminder that if you would like to return to church for worship (Sundays at 8 & 10 and Monday at 7 PM) you will need to register every week. You can do this on our website or you can call the office. Thank you!

Liturgy: All liturgy today will be spoken.

Organ Fund: Just an update on the purchase of our new organ. The contract was signed and the Allen Organ Company has put us in the building queue. Estimated ship date is September 2, 2020. I guess they are going to want us to pay for it so I pray God moves our membership to respond for a worship tool that will outlive many of us! Total cost is around \$51,000. Gifts have already started to come in to the “tune” of \$10,400. God Be Praised!

Thank You: On behalf of those who struggle with hunger every day, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$417.00. Thank you all so very much for sharing with others! *Marshall Food Shelf*

Offerings: For those who are able to continue to give an offering, you can mail it (use the self-addressed envelope in your offering packet) to the Church office, 500 Village Drive. We also strongly encourage you to consider using the e-giving option. You can find a link to this on our website.

Order of Service:

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Closing Hymn #596

Psalm 119c

Refrain: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Oh, how I love your law!* I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,* for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders,* for I obey your precepts.

Refrain: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

I have kept my feet from every evil path* so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws,* for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,* sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Hymns:

HYMN #756 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side Nor follow where he trod,
But in his promise we rejoice And cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.

For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light,
We may behold you as you are With full and endless sight.

HYMN #403 “I Know My Faith Is Founded”

I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in worldly wisdom Relies on shifting ground. God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure, And, trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed;
And led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid. Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow. Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you, And let me there inherit
All you have promised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until your heav'n I gain, Where I by your great mercy The end of faith attain.

HYMN #404 “Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven”

Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown, Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne And humbly sharing cross and crown.

Faith in the Savior brings us peace And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim And give all honor to one name.

We thank you, then, O God of heav'n, That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament To trust the one whom you have sent.

As you have promised, grant each soul Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy, Eternal love and light and joy.

HYMN #596 “Let Me Be Yours Forever”

Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.

Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.

O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

Scripture Readings:

Hosea 5:15-6:6: “Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me.” “Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.”

Romans 4:18-25: Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Matthew 9:9-13: As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."