a faith community actively exploring how to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves through building relationships, creating opportunities, and making spaces to act on that love

Pentecost 4

July 3, 2022

We are glad you could join us on this sacred day. As we gather for worship we extend a warm welcome to all!



If you are a guest today, please introduce yourself and join us for coffee café and conversation. We're glad you joined us and look forward to getting to know you!

Everyone is welcome and invited to the Lord's supper. Please make sure you have a communion cup with wine and wafer located next to the bulletins.

If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated at any time during the service.

May all who share in this service be blessed. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our failures but delights in mercy and new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are made whole. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG (page 10)

This Is My Father's World

GREETING

- P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to work toward justice and sacrificial love of all people. C: Give to the people of our country zeal for their neighbors' wellbeing and blessing, that we may use our liberty to meet the needs of those beyond ourselves.

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.



Spirit, Open My Heart

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

¹²So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:13-26



THE GOOD NEWS

Luke 10:1-11

The Good News according to St. Luke

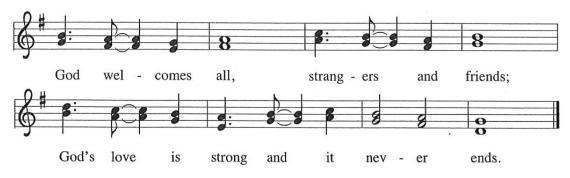
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

The Good News, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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KID'S TIME as the children come forward we sing "God Welcomes All"



SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY (page 11)

Not Alone for Mighty Empire

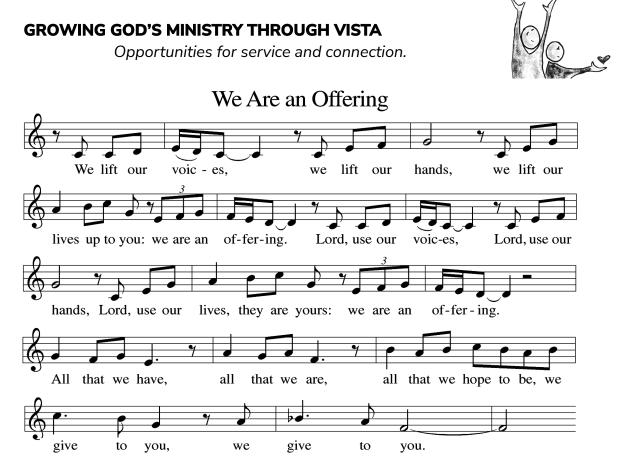
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.
- L: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.
- L: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- L: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to end classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.
- P: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

- L: You care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving (especially those we now name in our hearts). God of grace, **hear our prayer**.
- P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE—CONNECTING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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







THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

You are welcome at the Lord's table, where by God's grace we are fed, made whole, and strengthened to live as God's disciples.

Please join us!

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!

We commune together. Please wait for the invitation to eat and drink.



COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING SONG (page 9)

Let All Things Now Living



CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Experience God in your lives in unexpected ways. Share your faith. Bless God's World! I will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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GATHERING SONG



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.



THIS WEEK AT VISTA LUTHERAN July 3, 2022

TODAY	10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Café
MONDAY	Happy 4th of July
MM	Office Closed
V V	5:30 pm Women's AA
Happy 4th of July	7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY	STEP Food Collection
	6:30 pm Women's Al-Anon
THURSDAY	5:30 pm Men's AA
	7:00 pm Executive Council (Zoom)
SATURDAY	STEP Food Collection
SUNDAY	Recognition of Caleb Rollins
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Coffee Café

Cindy Ranwick will be out of the office Friday, July 1, returning on Tuesday, July 12.

Pastors

Rev. Heidi Zimdars Rev. Dan Nelson

<u>Musician</u> Mitchell VonEschen

Music Lead

Mary Broman, John Carlotto

Camera/Video Editor

Caleb Rollins

<u>Sound</u> Richard Novak

