

*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

Refrain

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line is marked 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.' The word 'Refrain' is written at the end of the seventh line.

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.
Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

Refrain

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

Galatians 5:13-26

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.

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

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.

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

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for the song "God Welcomes All". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first two lines of the song: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second staff contains the next two lines: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The lyrics are placed directly below the corresponding notes on the staff.

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.**



GROWING GOD'S MINISTRY THROUGH VISTA

Opportunities for service and connection.

We Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

THE LORD'S SUPPER — CHRIST'S WORDS OF INVITATION

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

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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



GATHERING SONG

This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

SONG OF THE DAY

Not Alone for Mighty Empire



1 Not a - lone for might - y em - pire Stretch - ing far o'er
2 Not for bat - tle - ship and for - tress, Not for con - quests
4 God of jus - tice, save the peo - ple From the clash of



land and sea, Not a - lone for boun - teous har - vests Do we
of the sword, But for con - quests of the spir - it We give
race and creed; From the strife of class and fac - tion, Make our



praise you grate - ful - ly. Stand - ing in the liv - ing pres - ent,
thanks to you, O Lord; For the her - i - tage of free - dom,
na - tion free in - deed. Keep its faith in sim - ple jus - tice



Mem - o - ry and hope be - tween, Lord, we would with
For the home, the church, the school, For the o - pen
Strong as when its life be - gan, Till it find com -



deep thanks giv - ing Praise you most for things un - seen.
door to jus - tice In a land the peo - ple rule.
plete fru - i - tion By the guid - ing of your hand.

THIS WEEK AT VISTA LUTHERAN

July 3, 2022

TODAY	10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Café
MONDAY	Happy 4th of July Office Closed 5:30 pm Women's AA 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

Musician

Mitchell VonEschen

Music Lead

Mary Broman, John Carlotto

Camera/Video Editor

Caleb Rollins

Sound

Richard Novak

A square box with a black border containing the text "Thank you!" written in a black, cursive font.