

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 13, 2021**

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**Prelude/Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to worship:**

P: We worship as we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord, **C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone, **C: but by every word that comes the mouth of the Lord.**

**Opening Hymn: No. 635 "We Walk by Faith"**

**Confession of Sin:**

P: God of all mercy and consolation come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree I dry up the green tree make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it. Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**C: to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**C: For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

C: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**C: that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **Mark 4:26-34**

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day No. 807 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**C: 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 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. 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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.**

**Mission Moment**

**Offertory Prayer**

**P: Let us pray.**

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn No. 670 “Build Us Up, Lord”**

**Dismissal**

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome!** Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** today is sponsored in honor of Darrell & Carol Foss’s wedding anniversary.

✠ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde as they deal with health issues and LaVonne Lorang as she recovers from surgery.

**Noisy Offering for “Shetek Lutheran Ministries”**

The total amount collected during May for Shetek Lutheran Ministries was \$271.61. Thank you for your support for “Shetek Lutheran Ministries”.

**This Week’s Schedule – June13, 2021**

**Today** 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed

**Sunday 9:30am** Worship/ Holy Communion at Church and live streamed; Synod Assembly

**"Volunteers needed"** to help record during Worship services to stream on Facebook live. Please contact Cristy Appel @ 215.1738

**Ministers** Members of First Lutheran Church

**Pastor** Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp

**Organist** Paul Henriksen

**Sound** Brandon Willey

**Reader** Lori Ilse

### **Fleece Blankets!**

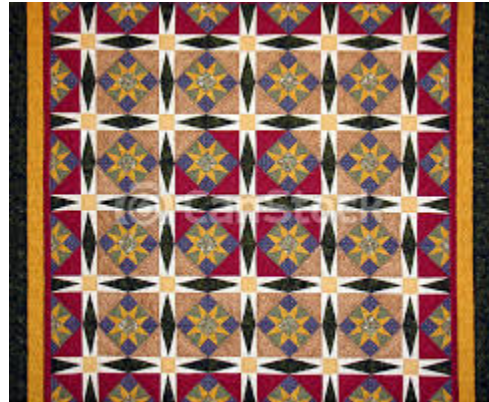
Our campers will be participating in a service project over the summer. We will be creating tie blankets and writing notes for the Children's Inn, a program of Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls. Children's Inn empowers those in situations of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and child abuse to overcome trauma and rebuild their lives. We are excited to share in this ministry. We are looking for donations of blanket fleece, fabric scissors, and money to purchase. If you'd like to donate, please [contact amanda@shetek.org](mailto:amanda@shetek.org).

**The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Shetek Quilt Auction** will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 10:30am. It will be held outdoors – please bring lawn chairs!

Auction schedule:

#### **Friday, June 25**

- Picnic – Brats & Burgers 5:30-7pm
  - Pulled Pork Dinner 11am – 1pm
  - Ice Cream Sundae Bar
  - Kids Day at Camp 10:30am-2:30pm
- For more information call (507) 763-3567



### **Quilt Preview**

- Friday, June 25 6:30 - 8:30pm
- Saturday, June 26 8:30 - 10am

***Check out the 2021 Quilts & Quilt items on [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)***

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