

Welcome to the historic Stone Church!



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Thank You for helping with the service today June 9, 2024.

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Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Prayer & Confession *(written by Lloyd Vix)*

Thank you God for the stillness of the early morning.

For the sunrise symbolizing one more of your precious days.

Thank you for the strength to rise this day.

Remove my guilt as I confess my sins

requesting forgiveness that I may have everlasting life.

In your holy name I pray. Amen.

Gathering Hymn #677 “This Little Light of Mine”

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Reading 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Psalm 95

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
**and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Reflection Reading Joshua 2 Rahab

¹Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. ²The king of Jericho was told, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land." ³Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land." ⁴But the woman took the two men and hid them.

Then she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. ⁵And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them." ⁶She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

⁸Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you.

¹¹The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below.

¹²Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith ¹³that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death."

¹⁴The men said to her, "Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land."

¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. ¹⁶She said to them, "Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way." ¹⁷The men said to her, "We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you ¹⁸if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. ¹⁹If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. ²⁰But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you." ²¹She said, "According to your words, so be it." She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn ELW #779 "Amazing Grace vs" vs 1,3,5

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when
we'd first begun.

The Holy Baptism of Della Ann Hongerholt

God gives us a new birth into a living home through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ.

Parents and sponsors who do you present to be baptized?

We present Della Ann to be baptized.

Parent(s) called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **I do.**

You are entrusted with the responsibilities of bringing your child to worship, teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. To teach your child how to pray, to read the scriptures, to trust God and to care for others through word and deed. Do you promise to help your child to grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support **Della Ann** and pray for her in her life in Christ? **We do.**

Parent(s) and Sponsors I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the forces that defy God, the devil, the powers of this world that rebel against God and the ways of sin? **I renounce them.**

Along with the congregation let us confess our faith.
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 life everlasting.**

Baptism

Della Ann, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Congregation: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

Sign of the Cross

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

Candle

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Congregational Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ.

Gift of Quilt

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Offering Collection

Offertory Hymn #512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Words of Institution

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, for ever and ever.
Amen**

Invitation to Communion *Congregation Response: All are welcome.*
The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)
Communion Hymns: 488,790,810,491

Sending Song ELW# 669 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" vs 1,2 & 5

1 Rise up, O saints of
God!
From vain ambitions
turn; Christ rose
triumphant that your
hearts with nobler zeal
might burn.

2 Speak out, O saints of
God!
Despair engulfs earth's
frame; as heirs of God's
baptismal grace,
the word of hope
proclaim.

5 Commit your hearts to
seek the paths which
Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the
Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

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

Tolling of the Church Bell

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized during worship today is Della Ann, daughter of Adrianna and Josh Hongerholt. Della Ann's sponsors for baptism are Lilly Carr, James Hongerholt, and Jacob Hongerholt.

WELCA Quilt raffle tickets (\$2) for sale following worship today.

June 16th Caring Collection Items we are collecting: Creamy peanut butter, crackers and granola bars.

Saturday Summer Bible Study Schedule

Unshaken: Ruth at Lisa Skifton's July 6, 9-10 a.m.

Unspoken: Bathsheba at Margie Hargrove's on August 3, 9-10 a.m.

Unafraid: Mary at Carmel Ledebuhr's on September 7, 9-10 a.m.

Meet at Barista's to carpool at 8:40 a.m. No pre reading or study is necessary to attend.

For questions or directions to the homes contact Ellen Hongerholt at 507-459-1989.

