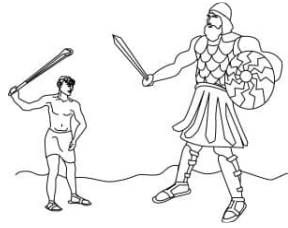


**Sixth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion**  
**Theme: The Strength of Trust in God**

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**



**“God is my strength and shield, the One my heart trusts and I am helped.” Psalm 28:7**

***GATHERING***

*Prelude:* “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is even doing, God calls us.

**People: God calls us to persevere.**

Leader: When fear and misinformation infiltrate our news, our relationships, our histories, and we don’t know who to trust or how to do the next right thing. God calls us.

**People: God calls us to continue our trust.**

Leader: When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing,

**People: God calls us to open our hearts.**

Leader: May this time of worship be for each of us a time to accept the divine invitation to say “yes” to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

**People: God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in the palm of your hands, giving us the courage to live our vulnerable lives. AMEN**

\*Hymn: #688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are. We praise you for your faithfulness and for your tender mercies that are renewed every morning. We exalt you, Sovereign One, for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows. Grant us an enduring faith as we strive against oppression and despair. Where there is pain, sorrow, or brokenness, and especially where we are the cause, we seek healing and forgiveness. Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic name we pray, AMEN**

Declaration of Hope

Leader: Gracious God, we have gathered this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness every day in ways we do not always recognize, so we offer thanks for Your constant watch-care. Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes.

**People: Keep us in hope in the Name of Jesus, who taught faithful disciples to pray, saying, “Our Father. . .” (debts/debtors). . .AMEN**

***PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD***

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-49

Sermon: **“The Size of Strength”**

\*Hymn: #616 “Our God Is an Awesome God”

The Sacrament of Communion

\*Hymn #533 “In the Singing”

***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before you, we acknowledge the abundance of your grace, freely given and yet calling us to respond. Move us from casual acceptance to thoughtful appreciation and action, that we not take your grace in vain. Let it bear fruit in our lives and in our communities. May our actions reflect the transforming power of your grace as we open our hearts to love, to vulnerability, and to relationship, trusting in the abundance of your grace to guide us. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude:* "I Love to Tell the Story" William Fischer

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Person this week: Nelson Koshuta**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Celebration of 50 years of Marriage  
Given by Ron & Sue Funk**

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