

Sermon..... Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson, Director for Evangelical Mission
Hymn of the Day – *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* ELW #596/597
 Worship Team from Faith Lutheran, Becker, MN
The Apostle’s Creed..... Zoom Participants
 Junia Fitzkappes, Trinity Lutheran, Montevideo
 Stephen Roenfeldt, Our Savior, Albany
 Fonzie Khoun, Reborn Lao Lutheran, St. Cloud
 Odalis Elliott-Bastian, Iglesia Paz Y Esperanza, Willmar
 Kristin Bakeberg, SW MN Synod Staff

Offering..... Rev. Stephen Cook, Synod Minister
 Offering Music – *“Beautiful Savior”*
 Choir from Lake Hanska Lutheran, Hanska, MN
 Video is from their 150th Anniversary, August 18, 2019

Prayer of Intercession Tammy Schacher, SW MN Synod Staff
Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song – *“Precious Lord, take my hand”* ELW #773
 Ferman Woodberry, Synod Vice President

Blessing and Dismissal

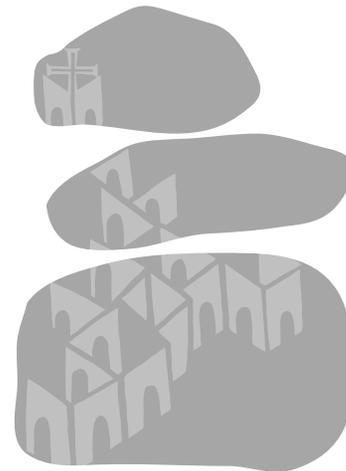
Postlude – *“Variations on Mit Freuden Zart”*
 Organist Kaye Schimnich, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Cloud, MN

Thank you to all who helped bring this service into being!

Faith in Becker Worship Team:
 Holy Spirit, Anointing
 Katie Aanenson, Pianist
 Yolanda Denson-Byers, Pastor
 Tasha Denson-Byers, MultiMedia Specialist
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 Sue Doering, Vocalist
 Lori Keller, Sound Technician
 Tom Keller, Vocalist
 Nate Oliver, Vocalist

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 TFF = This Far by Faith



Stones & Rocks, Rooms & Homes

*A Service of Worship for the
Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA*

Welcome! “Synod” literally means “walking together.”
 Your Synod Staff is here to walk with you at all times,
 and we offer this service to thank and support the vital
 and creative ministries that continue and thrive in
 these days. It seeks to capture gifts and contributions
 from around our geography and beyond.
 We all come to worship just as we are, and that is
 particularly true today. So wherever you are today,
 know that all are welcome for who you are, **as you are.**

GATHERING

Remembrance of Baptism Rev. Dr. Kathryn Skoglund, Synod Minister
 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are raised with him to new life.
 Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
 for in the beginning you created us in your image
 and planted us in a well-watered garden.
 In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
 and you gave us water from the rock.
 When we did not know the way,
 you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
 At the cross, you watered us from Jesus’ wounded side,
 and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
 We praise you for your salvation through water,
 for the water in this font,
 and for all water everywhere.
 Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and healing love.
 Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
 To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song – *This is the Day*..... TFF #262

Hein Family from First Lutheran, Worthington, MN

Greeting and Prayer of the Day.....Rev. Dr. Kathryn Skoglund, Synod Minister

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children’s Sermon..... Sister Sarah Hausken, Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator

Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV Adapted).....Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson

Director for Evangelical Mission

This reading speaks of Christ as the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are people treasured by God, who live out the mercy we receive in Jesus Christ.

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it - you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to Christ, a living stone, though rejected by humans, yet chosen & precious in God’s sight;

5 You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”
8 and -

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of the darkness of night, into the marvelous light of day.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16ELW

Sung by Eric Parrish, Taylor Huwe, Erin Makela, First Lutheran, Worthington, MN

Refrain: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me;

make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength. R**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.” R

Gospel John 14:1-14 (NRSV).....Berggren Family, Maggie Berggren, SW MN Synod Staff

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”