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# Welcome to Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023 † 9:00 am

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## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karna Moskalik

## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor John Lestock

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Gathering Song

“Meet With Me”

Praise Team

Lamont Hiebert

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I'm here to meet with You come and meet with me  
I'm here to find You reveal Yourself to me

### *Chorus*

As I wait You make me strong as I long You draw me to Your arms  
As I stand and sing Your praise You come You come and You fill this place  
Won't You come won't You come and fill this place

## Greeting

Pastor Karna Moskalik

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

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*Let us pray.*

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading

## Acts 10:1-33

<sup>1</sup>In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. <sup>2</sup>He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. <sup>3</sup>One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." <sup>4</sup>He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup>Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; <sup>6</sup>he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." <sup>7</sup>When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, <sup>8</sup>and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa. <sup>9</sup>About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup>He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup>He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup>In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." <sup>15</sup>The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. <sup>17</sup>Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. <sup>18</sup>They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. <sup>19</sup>While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. <sup>20</sup>Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them." <sup>21</sup>So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" <sup>22</sup>They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." <sup>23</sup>So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup>The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup>On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." <sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; <sup>28</sup>and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?" <sup>30</sup>Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. <sup>31</sup>He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup>Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' <sup>33</sup>Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say."

## Message

## "Grace Will Lead Us Home"

Pastor Karna Moskalik

## Offering

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## Apostles' Creed

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.

## Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

## Words of Institution

Pastor John Lestock

## 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.

## Holy Communion

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Pastor Karna Moskalik

## Sending Song

"How Firm a Foundation"

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Tim Mueller

<sup>1</sup> How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

<sup>2</sup> "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

## Blessing

May the Lord, mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift your eyes to see God's face and God's grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

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## Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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