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Mission Statement:

“Built on a Rock with Christ as our center, we serve the community and beyond.”

“Welcoming, caring, and serving all through Christ’s love.”

Kenwood Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2024
10:30 a.m. Worship

Welcome & Announcements

A Litany of Thanksgiving:

O give thanks to our God who is good; whose love endures forever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the western sky:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, thickets and talus slope, cedar swamps and prairies, estuaries and alpine meadows:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You rivers and straits, bogs and fens, glaciers, avalanches, mists, snows, and rains:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You maples and firs, chanterelles and salal, dogwoods and heathers, mosses and ferns:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You salmon and orcas, seals and crabs, kelp and loons, kingfishers, octopi, and prawns:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You marmots and voles, salamanders and bears, swallowtails and gnats, swifts and warblers, owls and hawks:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All peoples immigrant and native, women and men, who inhabit rain-bathed Cascadia:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of the North and West:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Creator God, we pray to you from the midst of your creation. We ask you to love and sustain this Earth; and to love and sustain us, who cling to it as it spins on its course through the cosmos. Teach us to love the Earth as you love it: help us not to take it for granted. Creator God, you made us in your image: teach us to be good stewards of your creation. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Opening Acclamation:

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Who creates all things, redeems all things, and sanctifies all things.

Gathering Song: ***"Build Your Kingdom Here"*** – Rend Collective, CCLI# 6186078

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your Church

We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first

We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

**To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
And we pray revive this earth**

**Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray**

**Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth**

**Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray**

Salutation:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day:

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lessons:

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:25 – 31

I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely. I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They shall no

more be plunder for the nations, nor shall the animals of the land devour them; they shall live in safety, and no one shall make them afraid. I will provide for them splendid vegetation, so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the insults of the nations. They shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord GOD. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.

Response to the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

New Testament: Revelation 21:1 – 3, 5 – 7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Response to the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Gospel Announcement: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Response to the Gospel Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Kids' Time

Pastor Jeffrey Holter

The Sermon: "Daughter"

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Youth Skit: "God & Saint Francis"

KLC Confirmands

Song of the Day: "***Your Love Never Fails***" – Jesus Culture, CCLI #5337172

**Nothing can separate
Even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes
But You have new mercies for me every day
Your love never fails**

**You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails**

**The wind is strong and the water's deep
But I'm not alone in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide
I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails**

**You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails**

**You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good**

**You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails**

The 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 the People:

Caring God,
we thank you for your gifts of Creation
for our world
the heavens tell of your glory.
for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:
for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;
for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors
and marvel at your creation.
for artists, scientists, and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

**We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.**

We pray:
For all creatures and plants that have been put in peril by our actions,
for all who through their own or other's actions are deprived of fullness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

**We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.**

**We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.**

God, Creator, bring us life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery;
yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world,
watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes.
Amen.

The Confession:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

(Silence)

God forgives and heals us.
We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us,
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Amen.

The Peace
God's peace be with us all.
God's peace also be with you.

Offering

Offertory Sentence:

Jesus, the true bread that comes down from heaven: leaven us with your Holy Spirit, that the world may know the abundance of life in your new creation.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Communion

Leader: We declare ourselves to be your children by your promise and in your word.

People: We have come to share in the holy meal that Jesus has prepared for us.

Leader: He took the sad news of sin and guilt and changed it to good news through His dying and rising for us.

People: We are here to celebrate that Good News and the presence of Christ with us and the reality of His resurrection.

Leader: And He took the bread, blessed it, and broke it. He said to His disciples;

People: "Take, eat; this is my body, given and broken for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Leader: Also, He took a cup of wine. After saying thanks, he gave it to them saying:

People: "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me."

Leader: We thank You, Lord God, for this bread and wine given in love for us. Accept us, forgive us, and heal us, that we might live lives that are pleasing to You.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

**in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

Communion Song: *"I Am"*

Verse 1

**There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace
Take me in with Your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child
Never let go, never leave my side**

Chorus

**I am holding on to You
I am holding on to You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on, I am**

Verse 2

**Love like this, O my God to find
I am overwhelmed with a love divine
Love like this sets our hearts on fire**

Chorus

**I am holding on to You
I am holding on to You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on, I am**

Bridge

**This is my resurrection song
This is my hallelujah come
This is why it's to You I run
This is my resurrection song
This is my hallelujah come
This is why it's to You I run
There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace**

Chorus

**I am holding on to You
I am holding on to You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on**

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I am holding on, I am**

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious God, you have given us much this day: the wheat and grapes which found our feast, the wit and will to transform them into bread and wine, and the precious presence of your Son who transfigures and redeems all that we have broken and lost. Send us out now to care for this fragile earth, our island home. Grant us the wit and will to transform the toxic, irreverent ways we live, and the saving presence of your Son Jesus Christ who goes before us and calls us into this world you love. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Service of Commissioning: Youth to New Orleans

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING ELCA Youth Gathering

Pastor: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a brave community of disruptive disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted.

Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge.

Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you:

Will you use your braveness for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond with “we will and we ask God to help us.”

We will and we ask God to help us.

Will you use your authenticity to enrich the gathering and the community of New Orleans?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Will you freely participate in the gathering and with the people of New Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus?

We will and we ask God to help us.

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

ELCA Youth Gathering

Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?

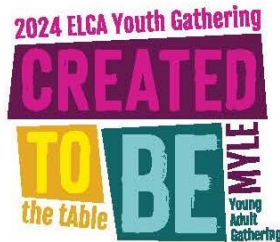
We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: And now, I ask the congregation -
Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God's guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories/experiences with love and openness?

ALL: **We will and we ask God to help us.**

Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.

Amen. Thanks be to God.



elca.org/gathering

The Blessing:

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be amongst you and with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "*Children of Light*" – Kristian Stanfill, CCLI #6518031

**It's a new day
Everything changed
When Your love came into the darkness
You sent the light of the Son
You sent the light of the Son**

**Wake up, open your eyes
No longer dead, we are alive
Rise up children of light
Open the doors, go let it shine
Whoa...**

**There is freedom
In Your kingdom
For You Jesus, we will be dancing
Forever Your joy is our song
Forever Your joy is our song**

**Wake up, open your eyes
No longer dead, we are alive
Rise up children of light
Open the doors, go let it shine
Whoa...**

**Song for the broken
Let it shine
Into the shadows
Let it shine
Hope for the whole world
Let it shine, let it shine**

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Whoa...**

**It's a new day
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You sent the light of the Son**

**The Dismissal
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

Our Announcements

WELCOME members and visitors! Please sign the pew pads, which allow us to track visitors and communion attendance. Please join us in the Messiah Room before worship for Hospitality!

Visitors are invited to introduce themselves to Pastor Holter and to stop by the Welcome Center for a gift in remembrance of your time with us today. The service can be heard and viewed from our lounge in the event that your child needs your attention during the worship service. Kids' Bags are available at each entrance into the sanctuary.

All are welcome to communion. Communion is by intinction meaning you simply dip the bread into the chalice before eating. Red is wine, white is grape juice. Alternatively, pre-packaged communion is available. Peel back the top layer of plastic to access the communion wafer, then peel back the next layer of plastic to drink the grape juice.

This morning:

Altar: Susan Muehlberger Welcome Host: Deb Jarvis
Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Youth
Communion Server: Youth Hospitality: Wendy Hansen & Karen Mattson
Ushers: Eric & Tammy Saksa
Attendance Last Sunday: 45

Thank you for your support of Kenwood Lutheran Church Ministries, Electronic options are available for your convenience. **Simply Giving**-a program which allows your donations to be made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. Contact the church office for details to enroll. Another option is **Online Giving**- Scan our QR code or go to our website at www.kenwoodlutheran.org for a secure, safe and private way to donate to Kenwood!



Youth New Orleans Trip-the Youth are still fundraising for their New Orleans Youth Gathering trip, and will be leaving July 14. They have a GoFundMe page started, if you'd care to contribute! Go to <https://bit.ly/KLCYouthNewOrleans>. If you have contributed or will be contributing to the trip, please sign the quilt displayed in the Messiah Room.

Volunteers are needed-to serve for Hospitality this summer. A sign-up is posted in the Messiah Room for those interested in doing so. Thanks to those who have signed up so far.

Senior Luncheon-Wednesday, July 3, 11:30 a.m. at Grandview on Midway Rd. (The old Dry Dock.) A sign-up is provided in the Messiah Room. If you sign up and then find that you can't go, please notify the church office.

Fish Fry-Tuesday, July 16, 5:00-6:30. Outdoor seating (weather permitting.) Take-out will be available. On the menu: Smelt w/option for other Fish or hamburger, French fries, Coleslaw, Beverage, Dessert. Cost-\$12 per person or \$30 for a family. No reservations required!

Weekly Financial overview:

Weekly needed to make Budget: 4696.00
Offering Last Sunday: 3640.00
Mortgage Reduction Last Sunday: 495.00
Average Weekly Electronic Giving: 774.28

This week, please remember in your prayers:

Perry & Linda Fellman
June Fiege
Sue Fleming
Wally & Evelyn Freitag
Bruce & Chris Gilbertson
Paul & Marie Glaesemann

This Week at Kenwood

Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m. Hospitality

10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, July 2

8:00 a.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

7:00 p.m. Harbormasters

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 a.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

5:30 p.m. A.A.

Thursday, July 4

Happy Independence Day! Church Office Closed