

# The Journey of Joseph

July 3, 2022



**GATHERING MUSIC** Bob Cannon

***With Malice Towards None* (Lincoln) by John Williams**

**CALL TO WORSHIP/CONFESSION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

by John Ballenger with a portion by John W. Vest

Leader: O God,  
we pray to you on this 4th of July weekend,  
remembering the gift it is to live in our country,  
and the dreamers who envisioned what America could  
become.

**All: We give you thanks for those dreamers who saw a land of  
freedom and opportunity—  
a land in which to grow equality for all its citizens.  
We give you thanks for all who sacrificed in so many ways  
to create and to sustain such dreaming.**

Leader: We give you thanks for the many ways  
in which that dream has been,  
and continues to be embraced and made manifest—  
within these borders and beyond them, too.

(pause)

Leader: But we also confess to you  
the many ways in which we fall short  
of our best dreaming—  
The ways we fall into selfishness,  
into shortsightedness.

**All: When we cannot find ways to work together for the  
common good;  
When we allow the least among us to suffer and languish;  
When we fixate on what divides us rather than on what  
brings us together as one people.**

**All: Re-inspire our dreaming, God.  
Guide us into the disciplines of love and grace that  
cultivate the ideals of liberty and justice for all.  
Make us workers for peace,  
And proclaimers of hope.**

Leader: We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, the one  
who inspires our dreaming,  
The one who dreams for us new life.

**All: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN #887 *This is My Song***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE STORY...from Genesis 37**

**SONG OF RESPONSE #793 vs 1 & 2 *Be Thou My Vision***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner *In Your Dreams*

**MESSAGE SONG #769** vs 1, 3, 4

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

## **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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

### **THANK OFFERING**

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## **GENEROSITY IMPACT**

Austin City Lutherans (ACL) is an exciting ministry of local impact, bringing together the ELCA congregations around the mission of “More. Better. Together”. This has been lived out for the past 10 years in powerful ways, through our feeding ministry at Bread for All Food Pantry, empowering an under-resourced community with Mariposa Family Learning Center, and our new initiative of Sheltering Ministry. All of this has been made possible through congregational support and special gifting. Pr. Tim Anderson has been called to be our Community Developer and Congregational Connector. Thank you for the tens of thousands fed, for the children and families of SE Austin served, and for the hope of a home. Each week in July we will be featuring an ACL Ministry and on July 31<sup>st</sup>, Pr. Tim Anderson will be our guest preacher. He will also lead a Learning Event between services.

## **OFFERING MUSIC #692 *We Are an Offering***

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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;  
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.

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;  
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC #708 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love***

## **COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **COMMISSIONING SONG #729** vs 1-3, 5 ***The Church of Christ, in Every Age***

## **COMMISSIONING**

Leader: In Christ, we rise from death, and are sent to share the hope and joy of new life to all people. We go in peace on our journey to love, serve, and live in the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Sandy Nielsen, Rodney Varner and Tom Felger.

We grieve the tragic death of 53+ migrants. Be with their families.

God, we know you never leave us or forsake us. You love your whole creation, and you hold us in that love no matter what comes our way. You hold in love those who have lost their lives in acts of war and violence. You hold in love those who have lost their trust in institutions meant to keep them safe. You hold in love those who have lost their dignity at the hands of those in power. You hold in love those who have lost their joy in a world that feels overcome by despair. We know and trust that you give us hope when we feel hopeless. We know and trust that you are the giver of life and conqueror of death. May we rest in that promise given to us in Jesus Christ.

**We pray** for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

**We pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,  
unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors** Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Trumpet** Bob Cannon

**Altar Care** (8:15) Sharon Collins; (10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Joel Timmons; (10:45) Alana Oehler

**AV** Bill and Sara Dawson, Peter Forsberg, Jamie Nichols,  
and Dave Wegner

**Food For Fellowship** Joan and Bob Vorkoper

**Hosts** (10:45) Joe and June Spann

**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner

**Creative Media** Dabney Gomes

**Director of Youth Ministry** Joel Timmons

**Executive Director** Bill Dawson

**Finance Controller** Kevin Marlow

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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