Augustana College  
Chapel of Reconciliation  
Pr. Ann Pederson  
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Reading: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 14-22  

Four quotes or scenes:  

First, at the end of Camelot, Richard Harris (as the noble Sir Arthur) commissions a young lad. He gives him a mission and then yells: Run, Boy, Run!!  

Second: Eric Liddell in Chariots of Fire: I believe that God made me for a purpose — for China. But He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel his pleasure. To give it up would be to hold him in contempt. You were right; it's not just fun. To win is to honor Him.  

Third: Bonhoeffer: "I discovered later, and I'm still discovering right up to this moment, that it only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. By this-worldliness I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world. That, I think, is faith."  

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Fourth: "In every sport there comes a moment when a spell of bitter weeping seems like a fair recess from whatever tough work is going on. It's only the steeliest among us who can fight the urge to turn negative— who instead will make contact and redouble her efforts. Call it grace under pressure. Call it grit....call it excellence."  
---*Sports Illustrated For Women* editor, Susan Casey  

"It's elevating and humbling at the same time. Running along a beach at sunrise with no other footprints in the sand, you realize the vastness of creation, your own insignificant space in the plan, how tiny you really are, your own creatureliness and how much you owe to the supreme body, the God that brought all this beauty and harmony into being."  
— Sister Marion Irvine, 2:51 PR and 1984 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials qualifier
Fifth: David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2David and all the people with him set out to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. 3They carried the ark of God on a new cart. 4David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. 13David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod (a holy apron). 14So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 20David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' maids, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!" 21David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD, that I have danced before the LORD. 22I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in my own eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor."

Today, we commission those headed to camp this summer to serve in multiple ways. We also offer this service as a commission for all of us who are headed out into the world:

We are called to discern our passion, given to us by God, and to run with it. We are called to feel God’s pleasure when we do God’s will. We are called to live completely in this world, throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world. We are called to accomplish the race we have begun, and then we realize how tiny we really are, our own creatureliness and how much we owe to the supreme body, the God that brought all this beauty and harmony into being."

We are called to dance before the Lord, to be so fired up with God’s love, that our dancing and passion embarrasses the world around us. Go, leave: love, run, dance, find your passion, and love God.
HOLY COMMUNION
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Prelude “To Be Alive”

Welcome/Announcements
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Gathering Song “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”
Lord I lift your name on high, Lord I long to sing your praises
I’m so glad you’re in my life, I’m so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high.

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Dialog/Communion Lord’s Prayer
L: Eternal Spirit,
C: Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Departing Litany “God’s Gift in the Midst of Violence” Walter Brueggmann
L: The world trembles out of control. The violence builds,
C: some by terrorism, some by state greed dressed up as policy, violence on every side.
L: You, in the midst of the out-of-control violence.

C: We confess you steadfast, loyal, reliable, but we wonder if you yourself are engaged in brutality. We confess you to be governor and rules, but we wonder if you manage.
L: We in the midst of out-of-control violence, we in great faith, we in deep vocational call, we in our several anxieties,
C: We - alongside you - in the trembling.
L: This day we pray for freedom to move
C: beyond fear to caring, beyond self to neighbor, beyond protection to growth.
L: That we may be a sign of steadfastness, that anxiety may not win the day.
C: You are the one who said, “Do not be anxious.” And now we submit to you.

Camp Counselor Commissioning

Closing Song “All in All”
You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I’d be a fool,
You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name,
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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up, when I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all........Chorus

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Dismissal
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C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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FRESH START CAMPAIGN - Campus ministry is collecting personal hygiene items for women who are being released from prison. Partnering with Be Free Ministries (an organization focusing on human trafficking) we are attempting to provide these women with items such as shampoo, tooth brush/paste, personal products, etc. You will see red boxes with Fresh Start posters scattered around campus in academic buildings, Commons, as well as dorms. The deadline to donate is Friday, May 14th.

FOOD DRIVE - The red boxes around campus will also be used during Finals Week to collect food items for the Food Pantry. If you have some items in your dorm room or office that you don’t want to transport home for the summer, please donate them to the pantry!

MIDNIGHT MADNESS - Our Saviors Lutheran, our neighbor across 33rd St., is offering study space and munchies on Sunday, May 16th and Monday, May 17th, from 6 pm to 1 am! They will reserve the tables, chairs and study corners of the church building for YOU. Munchies, fruit, and soda will be available. A late meal at 10 pm will be served both nights. All of it is FREE!!! Laughter Yoga sessions will be offered by Jason Freeman, in the Labyrinth Room from 8-8:30 and 9-9:30 pm both evenings. Go check it out and burn off some stress in the new gym! WiFi available!!

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Wednesday (12th) Holy Communion, 10 am - Camp Counselor Commissioning
Friday (14th) Morning worship, 10 am - Phil Mulder, Sr. Spkr
Sunday (16th) Alive at 5! - Beth Singleton, Speaker

NO WEEKDAY CHAPEL -
Feel free to stop by the chapel for prayer during Finals!

Saturday (22nd) Baccalaureate - 10 am - Elmen Center
Commencement - 2 pm - Arena