

# **Faith Lutheran Church**

LCMC Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN August 2, 2020 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Season Color: Green

Gathering Music: "What a Good God"

Each time I doubt Your goodness You show me You are with us. Your presence makes the diff'rence. I've seen it ev'ry time.

Chorus: What a good God, bringing me back to life, opening up my eyes. God of ev'ry blessing standing by my side. Calling me by name. I won't be afraid. Faithful to Your promise You will make a way.

No wall can stop Your kindness, no place Your love won't find us. Mercy is right behind us, I've seen it ev'ry time.

I've seen it I've seen it, I've seen it ev'ry time (repeat) You're faithful You're faithful, You're faithful (ev'ry time) (repeat)

# You're faithful, You're faithful, You're faithful.

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"Goodness of God"

I love You Lord; Oh, Your mercy never fails me all my days. I've been held in Your hands from the moment that I wake up until I lay my head. I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful; All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice; you have led me through the fire in darkest night. You are close like no other I've known. You as a father, I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, It's running after me. With my life laid down I'm surrendered now; I give You everything. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Chorus

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#### Greeting/Announcements

#### Song "Alive and Breathing"

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul? What matters come to mind? The cares you keep, The thoughts you think, It's not all wasted time. Seek and you will find.

Chorus: Joy still comes in the morning; Hope still walks with the hurting. If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord. Don't stop dancing and dreaming, there's still good news worth repeating. So, lift your head and keep singing, Praise the Lord.

The years roll by, we wonder why we lost our way from home. Our Father finds the child inside We left for growing old. Awake, awake, awake my soul.

Let everything, let everything, let everything praise the Lord.

In the working in the waiting, let it praise the Lord. In the blessing in the breaking, Come on praise the Lord. In the dying the rising, let it praise the Lord. Let it praise the Lord; Praise the Lord.

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: We confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ 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.
- C: Amen.

#### Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your eternal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### First Reading: Exodus 33:1-3, 15-23

The LORD said to Moses, "Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your

descendants I will give it.' I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, or I would consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

And Moses said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

#### Second Reading: Romans 9:1-12, 16-24, 30-33

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. For this is what the promise said, "About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son." Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac. Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger."

So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy. For the scripture says to Pharaoh, "I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth." So then he has mercy on whomever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomever he chooses.

You will say to me then, "Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is molded say to the one who molds it, "Why have you made me like this?" Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction; and what if he has done so in order to make known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— including us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, "See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

#### Faith Seeds: Kayleen Jensen

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation "Ancient Words"

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength help us cope. In this world where e're we roam; Ancient words will guide us home.

## Chorus: Ancient words ever true, changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

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#### Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon ......... "The Heart of Romans: Begging the Question" ...... Pastor Scott Grorud

## Song "The Father's House"

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes. What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength. My story isn't over, my story's just begun. Failure won't define me 'Cause that's what my Father does. Failure won't define me 'Cause that's what my Father does. Chorus: Lay your burdens down here in the Father's house. Check your shame at the door 'Cause it ain't welcome anymore, you're in the Father's house.

Arrival's not the endgame; The journey's where You are. You never wanted perfect You just wanted my heart; And the story isn't over if the story isn't good. Failure's never final when the Father's in the room. Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope; Love is on the move when the Father's in the room. Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life. Love is on the move when the Father's in the room. Miracles take place, the cynical find faith, Love is breaking through. When the Father's in the room. Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking. Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. Chorus

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Amelia Mae Lauer daughter of Tyler and Jessica Lauer Sponsors: Joshua and Leah Kamrath

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Welcome for Newly Baptized

**Pastor:** God has made these new sisters and brother members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive them with love and rejoice with them at their entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

#### Offering/Special Music "How He Loves"

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane I am a tree bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy. When all of a sudden, I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory. I realize just how beautiful You are and how great Your affections are for me.

Chorus: (Yeah) He loves us. Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves. (repeat)

We are His portion and He is our prize. Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes. If grace is an ocean, we're all sinking. So, Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss and my heart turns violently inside of my chest I don't have time to maintain these regrets when I think about the way that *Chorus* 

Prayers of the Church

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#### The Lord's Prayer

Distribution "To the Table"

Hear the voice of love that's calling, there's a chair that waits for you and a friend who understands everything you're going through.

But you keep standing at a distance in the shadows of your shame. But there's a light of hope that's shining, won't you come and take your place.

Chorus: And bring it all to the table; It's nothing He ain't seen before. For all your sin, all your sorrow, and your sadness. There's a Savior and He calls, bring it all to the table.

He can see the weight you carry; The fears that hold your heart. But through the cross you've been forgiven; You're accepted as you are.

Chorus: So bring it all to the table; It's nothing He ain't seen before. For all your trials, all your worries, and your burdens. There's a Savior and He calls, bring it all to the table.

#### Bring it all, you can bring it all;

Come on in, take your place. There's no one who's turned away. All you sinners, all you saints, Come right in and find your grace.

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"Carried to the Table"

Wounded and forsaken I was shattered by the fall. Broken and forgotten feeling lost and all alone. Summoned by the King into the Master's courts; Lifted by the Savior and cradled in His arms.

Chorus: I was carried to the table, seated where I don't belong. Carried to the table, swept away by His love; and I don't see my brokenness anymore when I'm seated at the table of the Lord. I'm carried to the table, the table of the Lord.

Fighting thoughts of fear; Wond'ring why He called my name. Am I good enough to share this cup? This world has left me lame. Even in my weakness the Savior called my name. In His holy presence I'm healed and unashamed.

You carried me my God; You carried me, You carried me my God; You carried me. (repeat)

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Benediction

Closing Song "1,000 Tongues"

We are a sea of voices; We are an ocean of Your praise. Gathered under one name We are a tide that's rising, and we cannot be contained. Gathered under one name.

Chorus: O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty. O to sing the Savior's praise, A triumph of His grace You are worthy (You are) (Yes You're so) worthy God.

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain. Gathered under one name Where ev'ry chain is broken, and ev'ry sorrow swept away. Gathered under one name.

With all Heaven sing, And all earth below. One Holy King. One highest throne.

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## "What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Romans 9:1-12, 16-24, 30-33

- What does the phrase "beg the question" actually mean? How is it often used instead?
- + How does Romans 9 respond to both the actual and common use of that phrase?
- Why is it *good* news that no one can resist God's will?
- What preliminary answer does Paul give to the question that was "begged" at the beginning of Romans 9?

# **Important Notes!**

\*If you or anyone in your home feels at all unwell, please stay home and watch one of the broadcasts.

- \*If you are anxious about gathering at the church, feel free to stay home for now.
- \*According to current health guidelines, we do encourage you to print and bring your own copy of the bulletin through the summer to cut down on the contact passing them out entails. The bulletins can be found weekly on our Facebook page and website.

\*We ask family/household groups to maintain social distance when in the church and the park.

\*According to state guidelines, wearing a face mask indoors is now mandated, with some exceptions. \*More information is available on Faith's Facebook page or in the church office.

- ~ Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by the Jackson/Trongard family.
- ~ Flowers on the pedestals today are from the funerals of Irma Kreie and Donald Hantge.
- ~ Lectionary Texts for next week: Job 38:4-18, Romans 10:5-17 and Matthew 14:22-33 (*Note there is NO LECTIONARY STUDY this week*)
- ~ Free Community Meal: Pulled pork sandwich take out served by the Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team from 4-6 today.
- ~ Martin Luther on Trial: "A virtual presentation by the Fellowship of Performing Arts of this acclaimed production of an afterlife trial for the soul of Martin Luther at Lucifer's request. A fantastical courtroom drama featuring Hitler, Freud, MLK Jr. and Pope Francis as witnesses. All this and a thorough examination of Luther's life and his loving relationship with Katie. Plus, a live talkback with Max McLean following the presentation." This free event will be on Sunday, August 2, from 3-6 p.m. We will show it in the Faith Center. Space is limited to the first 45 people who come in. You can find more information or register to watch it at home by registering at Eventbrite.com
- ~ FLCW Kitchen Cleaning: Tuesday, August 4, 9 a.m. 12 p.m. Many helping hands are needed to help clean the church kitchen.
- ~ Faith Quilters: Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 5, beginning at 9 a.m.
- ~ Celebration of Life for Mick Wigen: Please join the Wigen family Friday, August 7, at an open house from 4-7 p.m. at the Crow River Country Club. Honor Mick by wearing Vikings, Twins, Gophers or tropical attire.
- ~ Faith Family Fun is Back with Faith Day at the Lake: Are you ready to get out of the house and have a little fun with the family? You are invited to Piepenburg Park on Sunday, August 9, from 3-6 p.m. At 4 p.m., there will be a Corn Hole Tournament (register at worship today to be placed in the brackets), 5 p.m. is dinner (please pack your own food and drink), other activities will include tie-dye (bring your own shirt), swimming, frisbee, sponge and water bucket relay, and more.
- ~ FLC Apparel on sale through August 10, including a new FLC facemask.
- ~ Blessing Box Sunday: You are invited to bring food to worship on Sunday, Aug. 16 to stock the blessing box when it is running low. Thank you for all who have, and continue to support this vital service and ministry to the Hutchinson community.
- ~ Wings Thank You: A special thank you to the Mission Trip youth for all that they did for Wings; sorting, organizing, shopping, etc. What a blessing!