

Faith Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN June 26, 2022 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square Third Sunday after Pentecost Season Color: Green

Gathering Music "Who Am I"

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, Would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star Would choose to light the way For my ever wandering heart?

Chorus: Not because of who I am, But because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are. I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow, A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind.

Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling, and You've told me who I am, I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea Would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me? *Chorus*

I am Yours, Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? 'Cause I am Yours, I am Yours.

"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. *Chorus*

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. (repeat, chorus)

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Greeting/Announcements

Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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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.

Song "King of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus: You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song. *Chorus*

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) Chorus

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)

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Prayer of the Day

Good and gracious God, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. Grant us by the power of the Holy Spirit to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world, even and especially to our enemies; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 5:12-21, 26-39

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, 'Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.' When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. Then he said to them, 'Fellow-Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!'

Second Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia to you alone. Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Sermon "Unjust Mercy" Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty. Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice; And trembles at His voice.

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me; How great is our God. And all will see how great, how great is our God. And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son. The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing How great is our God. *Chorus*

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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 this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive her with love and rejoice with her at her entrance into our fellowship.

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

Offering "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love! What depths of peace! When fears are stilled when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth, in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Prayers of the Church

The 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.

Benediction

Sending Song "Go With God"

Farther the lands you have ever imagined; Deeper than even the oceans of blue. An open horizon is waiting like morning waking the dreamer who's living in you. So now...

Chorus: Go with the wind at your back and the sun on your face With a song in your heart and the promise of grace Go in peace and in truth and let love lead your way. Go with God. Go with God.

Stronger than will in the soul of a fighter, higher than hope in the heart of a child. There is longing, a yearning inside us, it's reaching for heaven and won't be denied. If you... *Chorus*

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"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Acts 5:12-21, 26-39

- Why did the apostles' witness to Jesus both enrage and terrify the religious leaders?
- How can law-abiding Christians rightly follow Peter's conviction that "we must obey God rather than men"?
- ✤ What unjust note of mercy appears unexpectedly in Peter's testimony before the council?
- What lessons can we draw today from Gamaliel's advice not to persecute the apostles?