



Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN

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Library Square

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give, He is my joy my righteousness and freedom. My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side the Savior he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing. For in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven. The future sure the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat. Yet not I but
through Christ in me.**

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat.

Yet not I but through Christ in me. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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“Jesus Paid it All”

**And I hear the Savior say thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.**

***Chorus:* 'Cause Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow.**

It's washed away; All my sin and all my shame.

**Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.**

**And when before the throne I stand in Him complete.
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.**

**Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.**

**Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead. Jesus.**

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Greeting/Announcements

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*

**I've got a river of life flowing out of me. He makes the lame to walk and the
blind to see. He opens prison doors and sets the captives free. Oh I've got a
river of life flowing out of me (repeat)**

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on.

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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 "Reckless Love"

**Before I spoke a word You were singing over me,
You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath
You breathed your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.**

**Chorus: Oh, the overwhelming, never ending, Reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never ending Reckless love of God.**

**When I was your foe, still your love fought for me,
You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. Chorus**

**There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain you won't climb up,
coming after me. There's no wall you won't kick down,
Lie you won't tear down, coming after me. Repeat ~ Chorus**

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Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses.
Grant that we, encouraged by the example of your servants Paul and
Silas, may persevere in the course that is set before us, to be living signs
of the Gospel and at last, with all the saints, to share in your eternal joy;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Second Reading: Acts 16:16-40

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they

had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.’ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, ‘Let those men go.’ And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, ‘The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace.’ But Paul replied, ‘They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves.’ The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. After leaving the prison they went to Lydia’s home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

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

The Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

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

Gospel Luke: 23:1-5, 13-25

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the

emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, ‘You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.’ Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Sermon “Wise Doves and Innocent Serpents” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “Living Hope”

**How great the chasm that lay between us; How high the mountain
I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke
your name into the night.**

**Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through
the shadows of my soul. The work is finished the end is written,
Jesus Christ, My living hope.**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such
boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.**

**The cross has spoken, I am forgiven; The King of kings calls me his own
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

***Chorus:* Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!**

**Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name. Jesus Christ, My living hope. (repeat)**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to
breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no
claim on me. (repeat)**

Jesus, yours is the victory! *Chorus*

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.

Offering “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*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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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 “Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness O God. You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of your salvation and all Your people sing along. So remember Your people, remember Your children. Remember your Promise O God.

Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough for me. Yeah Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me.

God I sing Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me for me.

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme: Acts 16:16-40

- † What does it mean for Christians to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves?
- † In what ways did Paul seem more to be a wise dove and an innocent serpent?
- † In Paul’s decisions and in how God directed him, what was the constant goal?
- † How can Paul’s example help us to live as Christians in a secular world?