



Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN
August 28, 2022 ~ 10:10 a.m.
Library Square
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Season Color: Green

Gathering Music “Precious Memories”

**Precious memories, unseen angels, Sent from somewhere to my soul;
How they linger, ever near me, And the sacred past unfold.**

***Chorus:* Precious memories, how they linger, How they ever flood my soul;
In the stillness of the midnight, Precious, sacred scenes unfold.**

**Precious father, loving mother, Fly across the lonely years;
And old home scenes of my childhood, In fond memory appears. *Chorus***

**In the stillness of the midnight, Echoes from the past I hear;
Old time singing, gladness bringing, From that lovely land somewhere. *Chorus***

**As I travel on life's pathway, Know not what the years may hold;
As I ponder, hope grows fonder, Precious memories flood my soul. *Chorus***

“Down by the Riverside”

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield**

**Down by the riverside. Ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more.**

**Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand; Down By the riverside,
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside.
Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand**

Refrain: Down by the riverside. Gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more.

Gonna put on my long white robe; Down By the riverside.
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside.

Gonna put on my long white robe; *Refrain*

Gonna put on my starry crown down by the riverside, Down by the
riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna put on my starry crown; *Refrain*

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, All our sins to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

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“Sweet By and By”

**There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.**

***Chorus:* In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.**

**We shall sing on that beautiful shore, the melodious songs of the blest; and
our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest. *Chorus***

**To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise, for the
glorious gift of His love, and the blessings that hallow our days. *Chorus***

Greeting/Announcements

Song “How Great Thou Art”

**Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy
hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r
throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art!
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How
great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there
proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *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 “Are you Washed in the Blood”

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

***Chorus:* Are you washed, in the blood: In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless are they white as snow: Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

**Lay aside your garments that are stained with sin And be washed in the blood of the Lamb. There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
O, be washed in the blood of the Lamb. *Chorus***

**Are you walking daily by the Savior’s side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? *Chorus***

Prayer of the Day

Merciful Father, by your gracious love, the light of the Gospel shines among us. Extend your mercy, we pray, to all the people of the world who do not have hope in Jesus Christ, that your salvation may be made known to them also and that all hearts would turn to you, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Micah 4:1-5

In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Second Reading: Acts 17:15-34

Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, ‘What does this babbler want to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.’ (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.’ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Faith Seeds Pastor Paul Knudson
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: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Sermon “The Christian (Non) Religion” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “I Saw the Light”

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin; I wouldn’t ask my dear
Saviour in. Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

***Chorus:* I saw the light, I saw the light. No more darkness; no more night.
Now I’m so happy no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

**Just like a blind man I wandered alone, Worries and fears I claimed
for my own. Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

**I was a fool to wander astray, for straight is the gate and narrow
is the way. Now I have traded the wrong for the right;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

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 “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”

***Chorus:* Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home**

**I looked over Jordan, and what did I see? Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. *Chorus***

**If you get there before I do; Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming, too coming for to carry me home. *Chorus***

**I'm sometimes up and sometimes down coming for to carry me home. But
still my soul feels heavenly bound coming for to carry me home. *Chorus***

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 "I'll Fly Away"

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's Celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

***Refrain:* I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.**

Refrain

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.**

Refrain

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"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Acts 17:15-34

- ✚ Why is the Christian religion actually a non-religion?
- ✚ What particular challenge did Paul face in addressing the Areopagus?
- ✚ How did Paul's message connect with and contradict the religion of Athens?
- ✚ How does it help our own faith and witness to see that Christianity is a non-religion?

September 11, 2022
Numerous Children, Youth and Adult Activities
and Classes Beginning!



Read the September *Faith Matters* that should have been in your e-mail or mail box this past week. You can also check the church website at Faithlc.com to find information on all of the new and resuming fall activities kicking off on September 11. There is something for each and every age to plug into!