

# Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green



*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?  
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground  
apart from your Father. So do not be afraid;  
you are of more value than many sparrows.”*

*Matthew 10:29, 31*

Gathering Music "Blest Are They"

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God  
Blest are they full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.**

*Chorus*

***Chorus:* Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

**Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.**

*Chorus*

**Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart they shall see God!**

*Chorus*

**Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.**

*Chorus*

**Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.**

*Chorus*

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"Come As You Are"

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

***Chorus:* So lay down your burdens lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer come home.  
You're not too far so lay down your hurt lay down your heart.  
Come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.**

*Chorus*

**Come as you are, fall in His arms. Come as you are.  
There's joy for the morning O sinner be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

*Chorus*

**Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.**

CCLI Song # 7017790

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**

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

CCLI Song # 7046145

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 “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, 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, 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.**

CCLI Song # 4196651

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, in Holy Baptism we were buried with Christ so that we may  
walk in newness of life. Having marked us with the cross of Christ forever,  
grant us faith to live a life of steadfast obedience to your will especially in  
the face of opposition, trials and suffering; through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone  
mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and  
destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and  
derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in  
his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my  
bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering:  
“Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close  
friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we  
can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” But the Lord is with  
me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will  
not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal  
dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you  
see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I  
have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has  
delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds: Shelly Kirchoff

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 10:16-33

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is

not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Sermon: “Have No Fear?!?” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “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.**

CCLI Song #7117726

Baptism of **Hudson James Benage**

son of Joshua and Ashley Benage

Sponsors: Jordan & Brittany Benage and Addison Luehrs



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 brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his 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 ..... "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. (repeat)**

*Chorus*  
CCLI Song No. 4348399

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune; Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

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 "Yes I Will"

**I count on one thing, the same God that never fails will not fail me now. You won't fail me now. In the waiting the same God who's never late is working all things out. You're working all things out.**

***Chorus:* Yes I will lift You high in the lowest valley. Yes I will bless Your name. Yes I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy, all my days, yes I will. For all my days. Yes I will.**

**I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify.**

**The name of all names that nothing can stand against. (repeat 3x) *Chorus***

CCLI Song # 7105442

## **"What Does This Mean?"**

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Matthew 10:16-33

- ‡ If you were one of the disciples Jesus sent out, how would his "pep talk" in Matthew 10 strike you?
- ‡ In the face of so many threats, how could Jesus tell his disciples, "Have no fear of them"?
- ‡ How does this text apply to us who can worship freely and without persecution?
- ‡ What is the greatest threat that any Christian can face?

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