



Faith Lutheran Church

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Hutchinson, MN

July 9, 2023 ~ 10:10 a.m.

Library Square

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music: "Revelation Song"

**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain. Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat. (repeat)**

**Chorus: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings, You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.**

**Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lightning,
rolls of thunder, blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King. *Chorus***

**Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name.
Jesus Your name is power, breath, and living water.
Such a marv'lous mystery, yeah. *Chorus***

CCLI Song # 4447960

"What a Beautiful Name"

**You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is; What a beautiful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this; What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us; So Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great Your love was greater; What could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is; What a wonderful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this; What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus;
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You; The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring
the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.
You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.
What a powerful Name it is; What a powerful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is.
Nothing can stand against, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus. (repeat)**

CCLI Song # 7068424

Greeting/Announcements

Song “Because He Lives”

**I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome; By the power of His blood.**

***Chorus:* Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives.**

**I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away. *Chorus***

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand. Because He lives.**

Chorus x2

CCLI Song # 7027887

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, Jesus bids us to come to him when we are weary, promising his yoke will be easy and his burden light. By your grace, show us that true peace comes from taking on his yoke and gladly serving you until we come last to rest in him; 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 7:14-25

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not

want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds: Pastor Scott Grorud

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 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sermon "Wise Infants and Restful Yokes " 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. (repeat)**

Chorus

CCLI Song No. 4348399

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: "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**

CCLI Song No. 3350395

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.**

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Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution

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.

Communion Songs: "O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

***Chorus:* Oh come to the altar. The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling.

Chorus

Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful. Sing alleluia Christ is risen, Bow down before him. For he is Lord of all. Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

Chorus

**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.**

CCLI Song # 7051511

"God Really Loves Us"

I've got a friend closer than a brother. There is no judgement, oh how he loves me. I've got a friend and He is my strength, He is my portion. With me in the valley, With me in the fire; With me in the storm. Let all my life testify.

***Chorus:* Hallelujah, we are not alone. God really loves us. God really loves us. Hallelujah, Oh praise my soul. God really loves us. God really loves us.**

**His mercy's enough, His grace is sufficient. So come if you're needing Forgiveness or healing. His mercy's enough. Oh and this is our hope, The cross it has spoken, Death is no more. Christ is the Lord
Oh this is our hope.**

Chorus

**And oh what a Father, what a Friend, oh what a Savior He is.
Sing oh what a Father, what a Friend, oh what a Savior He is.**

Chorus

CCLI Song # 7174815

Benediction

Sending Song “House of the Lord”

**We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea. My God He holds the victory yeah.**

***Chorus:* There’s joy in the house of the Lord. There’s joy in the house
of the Lord today. And we won’t be quiet, We shout out Your praise.
There’s joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place
and we won’t be quiet. We shout out Your praise.**

**We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves. We sing to the
God who always makes a way 'Cause He hung up on that cross, Then He
rose up from that grave. My God’s still rolling stones away. *Chorus***

**(‘Cause) We were the beggars, Now we’re royalty. We were the prisoners
Now we’re running free. We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (repeat)**

We shout out Your praise. We shout out Your praise. *Chorus x2*

CCLI Song # 7168995

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme: Matthew 11:25-30

- ✦ Why is the context of today’s Gospel text important and surprising?
- ✦ Why is God’s kingdom “hidden...from the wise and intelligent”?
- ✦ What is the challenge and promise of Jesus’ exclusive claim to reveal God?
- ✦ How can any “yoke” be “easy” and any “burden” be “light”?

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