

Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN


August 20, 2023 ~ 10:10 a.m.

Library Square

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Oh woman,
great is your faith.
Let it be to you
as you desire



Matthew 15:28

Gathering Music “Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb “

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

Oh, 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*

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“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*

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Greeting/Announcements

Song “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 you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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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 "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this my plea. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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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: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus went away from Gennesaret and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon: “You Are Not Holy Enough” Pastor Dave Wollan

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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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 “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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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

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 Saw the Light"

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin; I wouldn't ask my dear Savior 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!

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:

- ‡ Are you holy enough?
- ‡ Why would Jesus say what he said about the woman?
- ‡ What is the difference between mercy according to the law and mercy outside of the law?