Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN
September 1, 2024 ~ 10:10 a.m.
Library Square
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season Color: Green



Gathering Music: "Sing to the Lord"

Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord all the earth. In the beauty of His holiness, the beauty of His holiness, The beauty of His holiness.

Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord O my soul. In the wonders of His mighty hand, the wonders of His mighty hand.

Chorus: Great is the Lord we cry. And greatly to be praised. Let ev'ry nation rise and say Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Sing to the Lord a new song; Worship the Lord evermore. In the glory of His majesty; The glory of His majesty.

Chorus x2

Your banner, Your banner over us is love, unfailing love.

CCLI Song # 7112877

"Evidence"

All throughout my history Your faithfulness has walked beside me.

The winter storms made way for spring,

In every season from where I'm standing.

Chorus: I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life. I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave. You lead my heart to victory, You are my strength and You always will be. Chorus

See the cross the empty grave, the evidence is endless. All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus. Repeat Chorus x2 Why should I fear? Oh the evidence is here.

CCLI Song # 7147432

Greeting/Announcements

Song "A Mighty Fortress (Heartsong Version)"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper, He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He. The Lord of Hosts His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us. We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us; And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us. We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;

Chorus: A mighty fortress is our God; His Kingdom is forever. (Repeat x4) His Kingdom is forever. His Kingdom is forever. (Repeat)

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and everlasting God, keep us diligent in our faithfulness to you, that we might not practice hollow rituals and traditions, but always worship you and you alone in purity and holiness, throughout our life's journey; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

"Run to the Father"

I've carried a burden for too long on my own,

I wasn't created to bear it alone.

I hear Your invitation to let it all go, I see it now.

I'm laying it down and I know that I need You.

Chorus 1: I run to the Father, I fall into grace, I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait. My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend, so I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh, oh, again and again and again and again. Oh, oh, oh. Again and again.

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love. I don't understand,
I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

Chorus 1

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.

Running into Your arms is running to life from death,

I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out;

Just as I am, You pull me in and I know I need You now. Chorus 1

Chorus 2: I run to the Father, I fall into grace, I'm done with the hiding,
No reason to wait. My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a
friend, so I'll run to the Father. Again and again and
again.

CCLI Song # 7148126

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the

gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 vou alone.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:14-23

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Sermon "From the Fat to the Fire to Freedom" Pastor Scott Grorud 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.

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Lie You won't tear down, coming after me. Repeat x3 ~ 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: "Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me; Oh, his love for me.

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me. Chorus 1 & 2

Chorus 2: In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who you say I am.

You are for me not against me. I am who you say I am. Repeat Chorus 1 & Chorus 2

CCLI Song # 7102401

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

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: "Psalm 34 Taste and See"

I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from every fear. Those who look on Him are radiant, they'll never be ashamed. They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies. The Son of God surrounds His saints, He will deliver them. He will deliver them.

Chorus: Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together. Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; Oh blessed is he who hides in Him. Oh fear the Lord Oh all you saints, He'll give you everything.

Chorus

Let us bless the Lord every day and night, Never ending praise may our incense rise.

Repeat
CCLI Song # 7054932

"Come Thou Fount"

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Chorus: How Your kindness yet pursues me.

How Your mercy never fails me

'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh I will sing.

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be. Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Chorus x2

Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

CCLI Song # 7072572

Benediction

Sending Song "The Sound Of The Saints"

Oh I love to hear the song of creation. The wind and the rhythm of the rain. Oh the thunder it speaks of Your power, but there's something in the sound of the saints.

I've been washed in the roar of the ocean, found peace in the echoes of a cave. And the trees of the field they clap their hands. But there's something in the sound of the saints.

From the lips of those You saved a redemption song will rise. With a sound so full it cracks the sky. Whoa we sing hallelujah Whoa we sing amen. Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion Singing alleluia amen. Singing alleluia amen.

I will hear the chorus of the angels, forever a symphony of praise. I long to hear the voice of my Savior and He hears us The sound of the saints.

From the lips of those You saved a redemption song will rise. Ev'ry tongue ev'ry tribe hear the Church Your bride.

Our hearts will rise our song shall be Jesus Christ our Savior King forever. Our hearts will rise, the saints will sing of Jesus Christ our Savior King forever, forever.

Whoa we sing hallelujah. Whoa we sing amen. Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion. Singing alleluia amen. Singing alleluia amen. Alleluia amen.

CCLI Song # 7027411

"What Does This Mean?"

- 1. How are the food laws of ancient Judaism ironically reflected today?
- 2. Why is Jesus' teaching about defilement good news for us?
- 3. Why is Jesus' teaching about defilement not such good news for us?
- 4. What is the only way to avoid the defilement of sin?

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