

Faith Lutheran Church ~ LCMC

Hutchinson, MN

June 1, 2025 ~ 10:10 a.m.

Library Square

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Gathering Music: "How He Loves" (CCLI #1585683)

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane.

I am a tree bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy.

When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory.

I realize just how beautiful You are and how great Your affections are for me.

***Chorus:* Oh, how He loves us, oh, how He loves us.**

How He loves us, oh how He loves. *(Repeat)*

We are His portion and He is our prize drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes. If grace is an ocean we're all sinking. So heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss and my heart turns violently inside of my chest. I don't have time to maintain these regrets when I think about the way that

Chorus

Song “Run To The Father” (CCLI Song #7148126)

**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 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 and again.**

Greeting/Announcements

“Goodness of God” (CCLI Song #7117726)

**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.**

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

God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song “This I Believe (The Creed)” (CCLI Song #7018338)

**Our Father everlasting, the all creating One
God Almighty, through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Savior**

***Chorus 1: I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son; I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One; I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again; For I believe in the Name of Jesus.
Our judge and our defender; suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You, Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life; Forever seated high.
I believe in You; I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.***

***Chorus 2: I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.***

First Reading: Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they

may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "No Plan B" Pastor Dave Wollan

Song "How Great Is Our God" (CCLI Song #4348399)

**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*

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was
made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy**

Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering: “Gratitude” (CCLI Song #7158417)

All my words fall short, I got nothing new.

How could I express all my gratitude.

I could sing these songs as I often do

But every song must end and You never do.

***Chorus:* So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again.**

‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah,

**and I know it’s not much but I’ve nothing else fit for a king
except for a heart singing hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

Come on my soul, oh don’t you get shy on me.

Lift up your song ‘cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs.

Get up and praise the Lord.

Chorus

Offertory Response: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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.

Graduate Recognition

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: “Behold the Lamb” (CCLI Song # 5003372)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away. Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us
one so we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

“What a Beautiful Name” (CCLI Song #7068424)

**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. What a powerful Name it
is, the Name of Jesus.**

Benediction

Sending Song “Living Hope” (CCLI #7106807)

**How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night.**

**Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.**

**The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

***Chorus:* Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeat)***

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today's Worship Theme

1. What does it mean to be a witness?
2. How do the areas Christ specified for witness correspond to our world?
3. How is the Church not one? Despite that, how is the Church still one?

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