

Faith Lutheran Church

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10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES

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Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music "Run To the Father" (CCLI #7133494)

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.

"Abide" (CCLI #7168160)

For my waking breath, for my daily bread I depend on You.
I depend on You for the sun to rise. For my sleep at night.
I depend on You. I depend on You.

Chorus 1: You're the way the truth and the life.
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following I depend on You.
I depend on You for the victories still in front of me
I depend on You. I depend on You.

Chorus 2: You're the way the truth and the life.
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

**When I pass through death, as I enter rest I depend on You.
I depend on You for eternal life. To be raised with Christ
I depend on You. I depend on You.**

**Oh would you teach me; Would You teach me to abide.
I depend on You. I depend on You.**

Greeting/Announcements

Song “As For Me and My House” (CCLI #7243510)

**Oh choose you this day whom you will serve
The kingdom of heaven or the powers of earth
Has He not spoken have you not heard
There is but one true God.**

**The God of our fathers set us free
His Son paid the price for our covenant peace
Through generations His mercy speaks
We trust in one true God.**

***Chorus:* As for me and my house we will serve, serve the Lord
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord our God.**

**This house is the Lord's and all within,
May it be pleasing and holy to Him
Joined by His Spirit His people sing
Great is the one true God.**

Oh great is the living God. *Chorus*

**Oh praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit now in us
Let every heart and every tongue
Praise the one true God. *Repeat, Chorus***

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

Ground us, O Lord, in who you have made us. Because of Jesus and by your Holy Spirit you have made us your children. Strengthen us to live out that truth in our lives, through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song “Only A Holy God” (CCLI #7073332)

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.**

**What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.**

***Chorus:* Come and behold Him, the One and the Only. Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.**

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. *Chorus***

**Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. *Chorus***

“Your Glory * Nothing But the Blood” (CCLI #5881068 and #21332)

**My life is yours and my hope is in You only. And my heart You hold
‘Cause You made this sinner holy, and holy, holy.**

***Chorus:* ‘Cause Your glory is so beautiful I fall onto my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life is to worship in Your light
‘Cause Your glory is so beautiful. ‘Cause Your glory is so beautiful.**

Glory, glory, hallelujah, Jesus you are good. *Repeat*

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

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

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

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

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1

In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. The Lord let King Jehoiakim of Judah fall into his power, as well as some of the vessels of the house of God. These he brought to the land of Shinar, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his gods. Then the king commanded his palace master Ashpenaz to bring some of the Israelites of the royal family and of the nobility, young men without physical defect and handsome, versed in every branch of wisdom, endowed with knowledge and insight, and competent to serve in the king's palace; they were to be taught the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king assigned them a daily portion of the royal rations of food and wine. They were to be educated for three years, so that at the end of that time they could be stationed in the king's court. Among them were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, from the tribe of Judah. The palace master gave them other names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego. But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine; so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself. Now God allowed Daniel to receive favor and compassion from the palace master. The palace master said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king; he has appointed your food and your drink. If he should see you in poorer condition than the other young men of your own age, you would endanger my head with the king." Then Daniel asked the guard whom the palace master had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: "Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. You can then compare our appearance with the appearance of the young men who eat the royal rations, and deal with your servants according to what you observe." So he agreed to this proposal and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days it was observed that they appeared better and fatter than all the young men who had been eating the royal rations. So the guard continued to withdraw their royal rations and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had

insight into all visions and dreams. At the end of the time that the king had set for them to be brought in, the palace master brought them into the presence of Nebuchadnezzar, and the king spoke with them. And among them all, no one was found to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were stationed in the king's court. In every matter of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. And Daniel continued there until the first year of King Cyrus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds: Ellie Wollan (Summer Fellow)

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 13:12-17

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Remember You Are Dusty" Pastor Dave Wollan

Song "You Are My Vision" (CCLI Song #6054533)

**You are my vision O King of my heart, nothing else satisfies, only You
Lord. You are my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping,
Your presence my light.**

**You are my wisdom, You are my true word. I ever with You and You with
me Lord. You're my great Father and I'm Your true son, You dwell inside
me, together we're one.**

**You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity, You're
my delight. You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower. Come raise
me heavenward O Power of my power.**

I don't want riches or man's empty praise, You're my inheritance now and always. You and You only the first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure You are.

High King of heaven when victory's won. May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son. Heart of my own heart whatever befall. Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

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 Song "Yes I Will" (CCLI #7105442)

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.

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (CCLI #56204)

**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.**

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 “How Great Thou Art” (CCLI #14181)

**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***

**And 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***

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about today’s worship theme

1. How do you follow Jesus’ example?
2. How do you fail to follow Jesus’ example?
3. What identity have we been given?

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