

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I Believe in Jesus Christ

August 12, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The African American spiritual "Give Me Jesus" begins "In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus," words that remind us that our Savior, Jesus, is with us at all times. The same truth is expressed in another hymn in which English hymnist Timothy Dudley-Smith writes: "Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way." Jesus Christ, whom we confess in the Creed, is always there to comfort and to guide us. Our songs of praise, whether new to us or old favorites, can well express our thanksgiving for His loving care.

WELCOME

Jesus said, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28, ESV)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Because of Your Love"

As we come into Your presence
We remember ev'ry blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we've come to give You thanks
For all You've done

Chorus: because of Your love...we're forgiven
because of Your love...our hearts are clean
We lift You up...with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed...because of Your love

Repeat entire song

Repeat Chorus final time

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should confess our sins. We come before God, confessing our sins to Him, and asking His forgiveness.

People: **O almighty God, I confess to you all my sins and iniquities. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed your Law. For the sake of Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may change my sinful life.**

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus Only Jesus"

Who has the pow'r to raise the dead? Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness: Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see? Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace: Jesus, only Jesus.

Chorus: **Holy King, Almighty Lord; Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.**

Who can command the highest praise? Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone; I stand amazed, Jesus, only Jesus. **Chorus**

Bridge: You will command the highest praise

Yours is the Name above all names.

You stand alone; I am amazed, Jesus, only Jesus. (Repeat Bridge)

Ending : Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, you give your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8* (God's house of prayer is for all people.) Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness 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, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷ 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." ⁸ The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"The Blessing"*

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32* (God will have mercy on both Jew and Gentile.) I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ⁶ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ⁷ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ⁸ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ⁹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ¹⁰ For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG *"I Love to Tell the Story"* (AGPS 128- vs 1 & 3)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seen hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **(Refrain)**

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21–28* (Jesus heals the daughter of a beseeching woman.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² 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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

SERMON HYMN "Because We Believe"

Praise Team

Congregation

We Believe in God the Father

We believe in God the Father

We believe in Christ, the Son

We believe in Christ, the Son

We believe in the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit

We are the Church, and we stand as one

We are the Church, and we stand as one

Chorus (All): Holy, holy, holy is our God

Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King

All glory and honor are His to receive

To Jesus we sing, because we believe

We believe in the Holy Bible

We believe in the Holy Bible

We believe in the virgin birth

We believe in the virgin birth

We believe in the resurrection

We believe in the resurrection

That Christ, one day, will return to earth

Christ, one day, will return to earth

Chorus Holy, holy, holy is our God

Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King

All glory and honor are His to receive

To Jesus we sing, because we believe

We believe in the blood of Jesus

We believe in the blood of Jesus

We believe in eternal life

We believe in eternal life

We believe in the blood that frees us.

We believe in the blood that frees us

To become the bride of Christ

To become the bride of Christ

Sing Chorus

SERMON "The Faith of the Caananite Woman"

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

People: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING *Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and elevator room for gathering at the end of the service.*

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, and grant us grace that your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and the love shown in our lives. Turn from us all false doctrine and evil living where your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by your Spirit according to your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to your good and gracious will. Into your merciful hands we commend Jan, Louis, Dawn, Charles, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Dennis, Diane, Arlene, Dorothy, June, Jerry, Bette, Cindy, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley, and for Pat Sweeney's daughter Josie dealing with back pain in the hospital, and all who are in need, praying for them at all times. Be with the Ross family as they remember Marion and with Charlotte Laessig remembering her daughter Marija. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in you to provide for all our needs. We celebrate today with Russell and Marlene Koehn celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by your Spirit to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

Wait for the ushers to direct you to come forward. Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
a contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Verse: All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be wash'd away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep

Chorus: We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Repeat song

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for having fed us with your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, help us to rejoice in your mercies, and grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Everlasting God”

Verse Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat song and chorus

Repeat Pre Chorus

Chorus 2 times

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