

## WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



We are committed to invite and welcome all to Jesus Christ,  
to equip all with an active faith that works in real life,  
and together go into the world to serve in Jesus' name.

*Please stand*

**HYMN 414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be God, Who forgives all our sin, Whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God, our strength,

**C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2nd Corinthians 4:13–5:1**

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more

people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al le lu ia, al le lu ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The lyrics 'Al le lu ia, al le lu ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a change in time signature to 9/8 and then back to 6/8. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al le lu ia, al le lu ia!' are also written below the notes.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the third chapter of Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

### HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a

strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## HONORING OF GRADUATES AND RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL

**HYMN 579 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (st 1, 2 and 5)**

**SERMON**

Pastor Patti Morlock

**ANTHEM**

G. F. Handel, arr. H. Hopson

*Lord, You have searched me, You know all my ways; You know my every move: when I lie down, when I rise up, in Your wisdom You know me through and through. You know all my thoughts from far away. Though I be near, though I be far, through all my days, O Lord, You are there. For You the night is bright as the day; You are the true light upon my way. Lord, You have searched me... You are my God for evermore.*

--Psalm 139, selected verses

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Response:* P: ...Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

Please follow the instructions from the pastor for distribution.

*Believing in the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine  
of the Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sin, we practice Eucharistic  
hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.*

### **How Great Is Our God**

By Chris Tomlin

The splendor of a 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  
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

Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
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 our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God  
You're the name above all names  
You are worthy of our praise  
And my heart will sing  
How great is our God

(chorus)

**Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross** ©  
by Fanny Jane Crosby, William Howard  
Doane, and Robert W. Thygerson

Jesus keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's mountain

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross a trembling soul  
Love and mercy found me  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds His beams around me.  
Near the cross o Lamb of God  
Bring its scenes before me  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me

Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping trusting ever  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

## **BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION**

### **HYMN 551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Risen Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## FINISHING COMMUNION AT HOME AFTER CHURCH St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City OH

For your safety and comfort, we will be distributing pre-packaged communion kits to members during worship for everyone to take home, rather than eating and drinking in the church building.

The bread and wine will be consecrated with the Words of Jesus during corporate worship, and will be ready to consume afterwards. However, since it is important to have the words of Jesus fresh in our ears before taking the sacrament, we strongly encourage you to use the following order of service once you get home.

First, unpeel the wafer(s) from the top of the package. Then unseal the juice and place the wafer and juice before you on a table, so that the elements are ready to be consumed.

Then, say the following aloud (or have someone in your group say it for everyone): *In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

Now, partake of the wine and bread, trusting that the resurrected Lord Jesus is truly present in the sacrament **for you**, giving you the fullness of his forgiveness, life, and salvation.

After eating and drinking, we suggest saying the following prayer aloud (or have someone in your group say it for everyone): *We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy, you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

*“He is out of his mind.” (Mark 3:21)*

When many people heard Jesus preach, they didn't say, “Here are the very words of God!” Some people said, “He is crazy!” Jesus is not crazy; he just sometimes sounds crazy when we listen to him from the standpoint of what the world teaches us is “rational.” To be a disciple, a follower of Jesus, is to think about God, the world, and ourselves in a different way. That “way” is the way of Christ.

Nobody ever said to Jesus, “Fantastic! What a wonderfully logical sermon you gave,” or “Jesus, you have one of the best rational minds ever.” Rather what they said was, “He's raving mad! He's out of his mind.” Jesus is back home and his family wants to be proud of their young rabbi. Unfortunately, his family was quite embarrassed when they heard Jesus and watched him work because everyone said, “He's crazy! He's out of his mind.”

Interestingly, others have the same reaction to Jesus in John 10:20. Jesus says, “I'm such a good shepherd, I'm willing to die for a bunch of sheep.” And the people responded to him by saying, “He's out of his ever-loving head, he is insane! Die for stupid sheep? That's crazy! He must be mad!”

Jesus didn't have the benefit of a seminary education. Jesus never published a book. He lived with his parents until he was 30 or so. He never held a job, never owned a home, never dated, and went around partying with 12 “questionable” men, but does that make Jesus guilty of insanity?

Hmmm...maybe. Jesus said, “How about this? You can't get into the kingdom of God unless you become as a child. Want to win? You do so by losing. You get by giving. You live by dying.” Wow! That sure doesn't sound rational or logical. Sounds like he's out of his mind right? In evaluating the trustworthiness of Jesus' mind, sometimes it's whether or not we see Jesus' way of the cross as reasonable or crazy because it depends on what counts for reasonable or crazy in the world.

Maybe, just maybe, Jesus has given us a new way of thinking, helping us to see things his way instead of the world's way. Maybe you had the same thing happen to you after your baptism. Maybe you were changed, your thinking was changed, and you were drawn forth into a new life by that mad, ridiculous, insane act of Jesus! Amen.