

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: "You Are My Vision"

arr. by Mary Elizabeth

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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

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

R: The Word of The Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not

produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: The Word of The Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as

doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." 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." 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."

P: The Gospel of The Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: "Raise a Hallelujah"

by Jake Stevens, Jonathan

Helser, Melissa Helser, and Molly Skaggs

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus:

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me

I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery

I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

(Bridge)

Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)

Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)

Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)

Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)

(Bridge)

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies

Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief

Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody

Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me

Sing a little louder

I raise a hallelujah

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. [*Pause*] Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

WE SHARE THE MEAL

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ is present in the wine and bread for forgiveness, life, and salvation are welcome to partake of communion. Please indicate to the server if you would prefer to receive grape juice. All children and adults who prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion are welcome to come forward. Please indicate you would prefer to receive a blessing by keeping your hands folded.

COMMUNION SONG: "Your Glory/ Nothin But The Blood"

Arr. by Leslie Jordan

**My life is Yours
My hope is in You only
My heart You hold
'Cause You made this sinner Holy, Holy, Holy**

Chorus:

**My life is Yours
My hope is in You only
My heart You hold
Cause you made this sinner Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Your glory is so beautiful
I fall on to my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life
Is to worship in Your Light
Your glory is so beautiful
Your glory is so beautiful**

(Bridge)

**Glory, glory, Hallelujah
Jesus You are good**

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Je-sus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Je-sus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow; Oh,
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Je-sus.**

**Glory, glory, Hallelujah
Jesus You are good**

BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "What A Friend" arr. by Matt Maher, Abbie Parker,
Adam Palmer, and Matthew Hein

**Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down**

Chorus :

**What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever His heart is my home**

**Everybody has fears everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down**

(Bridge)

**No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over (over and oh)**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Praise Band members are Nick Grossman, David Shrum, Matt Shrum,
Kirsten Lovell, David Dye, Danny Little, Jenny Brockman.
Larry Mitchell on the Sound Board.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 29, 2021

“Put on the whole armor of God...” (Ephesians 6:11)

The apostle Paul said, “I have been crucified with Christ....and I live in the flesh by faith in the Son of God” (Gal. 2:20). Whoever belongs to Christ crucifies the flesh. But because we have not yet died, we still sin. We still get angry, feel envy, impatience, and sexual desire. But these feelings are not carried out because the flesh is crucified by repressing it with spiritual disciplines and by walking with the Spirit. We are instructed, encouraged, and comforted by the Word of God, by faith, and by prayer, which helps us to refuse to yield to our desires. When we resist, we nail our flesh, passions, desires, and our sins to the cross of Christ, with Christ, who takes them as his own. Though our “flesh” is still alive, it cannot accomplish what it wishes because it is nailed to the cross by its hands and feet.

We dress ourselves with faith, hope, and the sword of the Spirit. We fight back at the flesh; and with these nails it is fastened to the cross, so that against its will it is forced to be subject to the Spirit. Eventually, when we die, we will put it off completely, forever. In the resurrection we will have new flesh that is pure, without any passions, evil desires, or sin. We have gone from sinner to saint.

We put on the breastplate of righteousness so the chest is protected against flaming darts (vs. 16). This gives us courage and a good conscience, which is righteous because we rely on God’s armor. When we are attacked by the flaming darts, we feel guilt and disgrace. The shield helps us from becoming fearful by putting our trust in God alone.

We need the helmet of the Savior, Jesus Christ. He made himself into a helmet when he said to us, “Remember the word that I said to you” (John 15:20). A helmet gives the head protection and we can feel secure and peaceful when thinking of the things that are happening to us also happened to Jesus.

We take the sword (not the sheath!), which is the word of God, and strike out against the flaming darts with the sharp blade of spiritual understanding. We have the word of God deep inside our hearts, protected under the breastplate, and we strike at the slings and arrows that are attacking us. Thanks be to God! Amen.