



SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2020
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

PRELUDE

"The Festive Trumpet"

Brian Glyncannon

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

OPENING INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

P I will exalt You, O Lord, for You lifted me out of the depths.

C **O Lord, my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me.**

O Lord, my God, I will give You thanks forever! Amen!

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from
sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

ALL Gracious God, 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 Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

READING

Ezekiel Is Israel's Watchman

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Reader: *Sara Cardwell*

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Blessed Are the Forgiven

Psalm 32:1-7

R ¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**C ²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

R ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**C ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up^(b) as by the heat of summer.**

R ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

R ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

**ALL ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

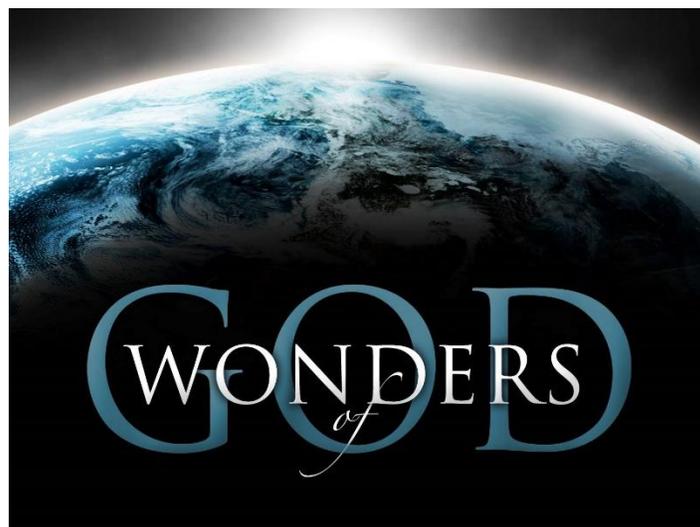
R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

MUSIC MINISTRY

"God of Wonders"

Mary Sorensen/Jonathan Malone



18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

The Lost Art of Humility
Matthew 18:1-14
Pastor Tom

The Need for Humility (v.1)
The Example of Humility (vv.2-6, 10-14)
The Cost of Humility (vv.7-9)

For Consideration

Who in your life is humble? What characteristics and qualities stand out to you?
Or, what do you most admire in him/her?
What Christ-like qualities would you like in your life?

MUSIC MINISTRY

"All the People Say Amen!"
Mary Sorensen/Jonathan Malone

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**1 All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

**2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless
And worship You in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify
The everlasting God on high.
Of Your great glory do we sing,
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.**

**3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,
Our Father, the Almighty One.
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity,
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.**

**4 You take the whole world's sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away;
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.
From God's right hand Your mercy send,
To all the world Your grace extend.**

**5 You only are the Holy One
And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.**

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