

“*Woman,
great is your faith!
Let it be done
for you
as you wish.*”

Matthew 15:28, NRSV





FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

August 16th, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting ten

Gather

Prelude
Welcome

"Brighten the Corner"

arr. Richard Lind

*Opening Hymn

"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt
Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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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.

Kyrie

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* Hymn of Praise

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1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

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*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God of all peoples,

C: your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

1 Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

6 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, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold 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 Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **67** (read responsively)

P: ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;

C: May the light of God's face shine upon us.

P: ²Let your way be known upon earth,

C: Your saving health among all nations.

P: ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise you.

P: ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

P: ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise you.

P: ⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;

C: God, our own God, has blessed us.

P: ⁷May God give us blessing,

C: And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! 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.

29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting 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 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food 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, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day

"In Christ There is No East or West"

ELW 650

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: African American spiritual; adapt Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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*Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"Thy Holy Wings"

arr. Mark Sedio

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

*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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

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.

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"Just as I am, Without One Plea"

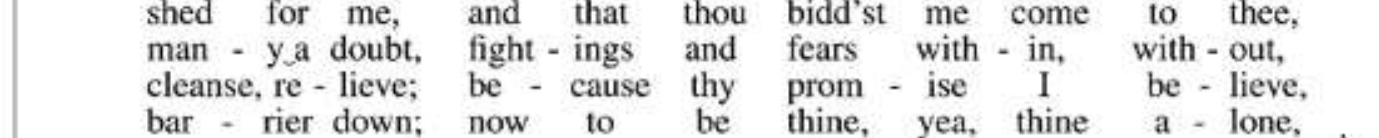
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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



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Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

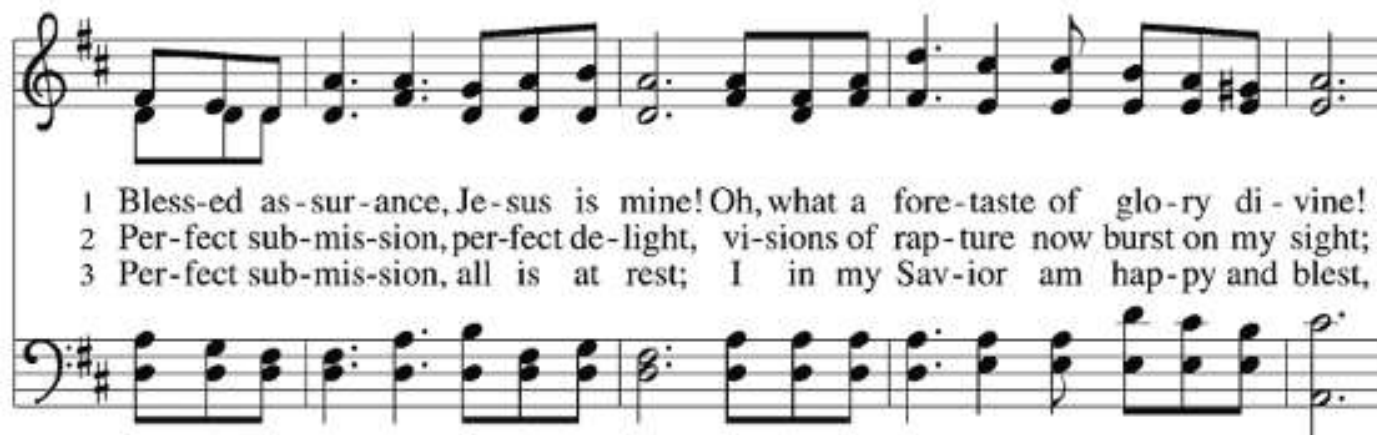
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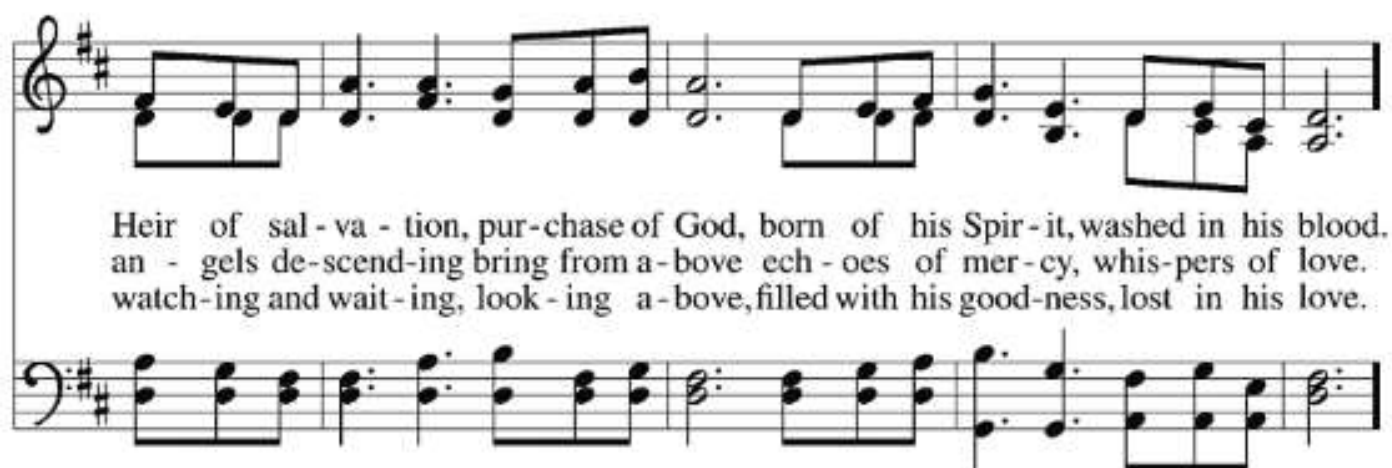
Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

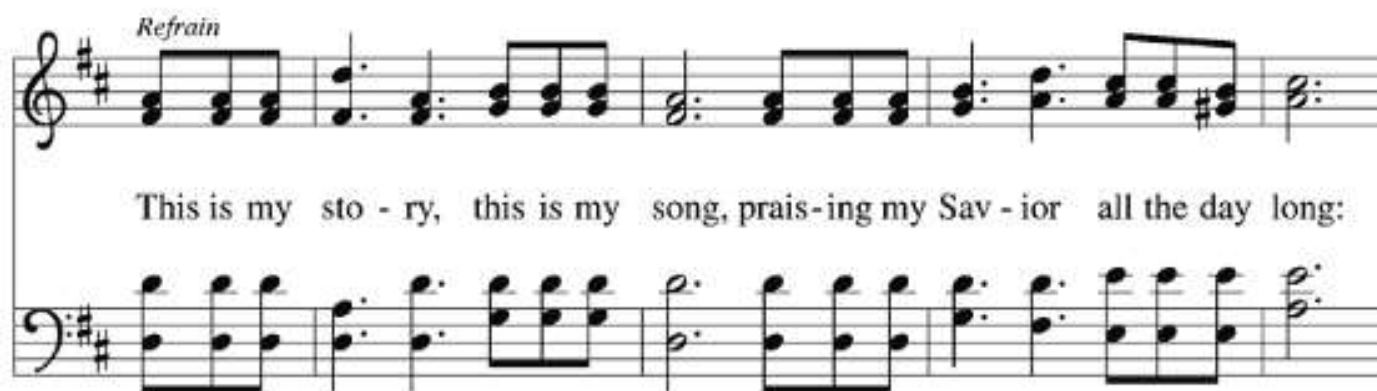


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

ASSURANCE
 910 99 and refrain



*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"This is the Day"

arr. F. Bock

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Andrew Peterson

Chancel flowers

Gary Fisher

In memory of Dianne Fisher

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sue Arens after back surgery

Alan Aleckson for health concerns

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young

David Loos and his family as they grieve his father

Roger and Carol Ellis

Don and Tricia Klobberdanz

Jeanette Lavigne

Family of Rich Schupbach as they grieve

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 10 am during June, July, and August. We will discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

FOG's little library is heading into the busy summer season. Last year, over 700 children's books made into the hands of young readers and adults. We are currently in need of gently used adult books (of course we will always accept gently used children's books) to keep our library fully stocked. There is a scholastic box on the table in the narthex for any and all book donations. Thank you!

NEW STUDY AND CLASSES: Join us for a weekly series on death, grief, and end of life planning. This class meets at 11 AM on Sundays after worship. We will be embarking on a Bible study called "The Grief Lectionary: A Spiritual Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief" by Rev. Collette Broady Grund. Interspersed with the study will be three classes on end of life decision-making.

Nursery Note: The CYF committee approved this policy: "To help us keep the Nursery safe, clean, and ready for all of our little ones, the Nursery will only be open when Nursery staff is present during the week. On Sundays, the Nursery will open 15 minutes before each service begins and will close 15 minutes after the service ends. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us care for this special space!"

Roller skating: Join us at Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids on Thursday, August 20 starting at 5 pm. Sign-up in the narthex! Friends welcome. Ask Pr. Erin if you have questions.

Pickup choir will be meeting on Sunday August 23 at 8:30 am in the choir loft. ALL are welcome to come and sing the anthem "Worship Tapestry" arranged by Benjamin Harlan for the worship service that morning. Pick up a copy of the music after the service this morning, to look it over before the rehearsal. If you have questions, see Judy Blomgren at the organ console after the service this morning.

The first official rehearsal for the 2027 choir season will be Wednesday September 9 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsal will run until approximately 8:15. ALL are welcome. First Sunday the choir will sing is September 20th.

Judy Blomgren
Music Director



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