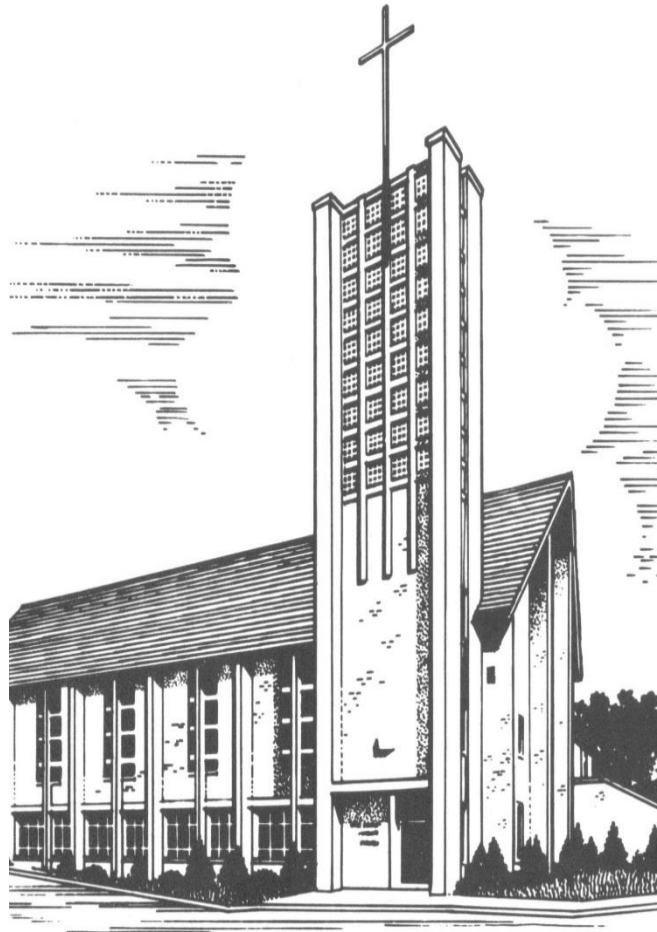


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July 26, 2015

10:45 a.m.



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PRELUDE

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION (*Stand*)

“Better is One Day”

BOTB 23

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence,
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than
thousands elsewhere.

2. One thing I ask and I would seek; to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek; to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God,
Your Spirit’s water to my soul.
I’ve tasted and I’ve seen, come once and again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 43:1–3a

- P** But now thus says the Lord,
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
- C** **“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are Mine.**
- P** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
- C** **when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**
- P** For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Kneel/Sit)*

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**
- P** We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
- C** **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**
- P** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
- C** **so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- C** Amen.
- P** The Lord God has set His rainbow as a sign of promise amid the storm clouds of our lives. He has set the cross of our Lord Jesus as a sign of His forgiveness

of our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT (*Stand*)

P On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.

P Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

C Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.

P They shall all speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.

C They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

HYMN OF PRAISE “To God Be the Glory” LUYH 44

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise
the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! Oh, come to the
Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He
hath done.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Mark 6:50c

P Alleluia. Take heart; it is I.

C **Do not be afraid. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:45–56

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring

the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Sit)*

SERMON HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

SERMON

“Dense”

based on the Gospel

reading

APOSTLES' CREED (*Stand*)

OFFERING (*Sit*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In prayer for the Church, the world, and all people in need, let us come before the Father, that according to the riches of His glory he may strengthen us by the Spirit.

That the Church throughout the world, buffeted and battered by many headwinds, may persevere amid the chaos of this world and may embody the solid ground that comes from trusting in the power of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P That nations throughout the world may be places of stability, peace, and care for the general welfare of their citizens. That our government leaders—national, state, and local—govern humbly and provide good leadership, upholding and enforcing laws that hold chaos dark and rude at bay. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P That those who serve in our military and their families may be kept safe from harm amid their sometimes chaotic lives. That victims of terrorism, persecution, violence, and warfare may be delivered from these horrors. That our enemies would no longer wish us harm, but instead seek peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P That those who are sick in body or mind—those who are hospitalized, those facing surgery, those receiving ongoing treatments, and those who are convalescing—may experience the peace of Christ amid the storms of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P That those who travel for business or pleasure may arrive safely at their destinations. That summer vacationers may experience refreshment, rest, and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

[Other prayers...]

P That the people of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & School, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, may show forth His love in our community, and may, like the rainbow, be a sign of God's covenant faithfulness amid the chaos of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P You are the Lord's. Do not be afraid. Take heart, for Jesus reigns over the darkness and chaos of this world. You are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ!

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

 Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
let the poor say “I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us.” (Repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

God bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the light with a light from above;
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, My home, sweet home,
God bless America, My home, sweet home.

POSTLUDE

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lisa Williams; 10:45 a.m. Lisa Lock;
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner)

Attendance: 7/19/15 (8:00 a.m. 67, 10:45 a.m. 55);7/20/15 6:30 p.m.