

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Sing praises to the LORD,

and give thanks to God's holy name

for the LORD our God has healed us

when we cried for help

and restored us

in times of deepest despair.

The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing;

taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.

Sing to the LORD without end,

and give thanks to the LORD forever.

Let us pray: Eternal and ever present God,

sustain and excite our gathered community;

arouse our expectancy;

subdue our expectations.

Come, silent Spirit, and embrace us.

Let the words we see and hear and speak and sing be transformed by the Word made flesh, that our worship may be wholly yours, Lord God. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen

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OPENING SONG Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have In You

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I

am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my

God, I will give you thanks forever.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " 32He looked all around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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SERMON "Taking Risks to Heal"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

Silence for reflection

LITANY OF CONFESSION

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice: **God have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

We give thanks to you, O God. Amen

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain

Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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

... God, we cry out to you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN The Lord Now Sends Us Forth #538

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. Repeat

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. Repeat

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.

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We Lift in Praver...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Marlin Neugebauer (cousin to Carol Neugebauer); Randy Seidel

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Ron Wagner; Toni Ramsey; Monique (friend of Diana Baschnagel); David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Delmar Plamp (Cousin of Stan and Marv Neugebauer; Lois (Mother of Steve Pendegraft); Ashley James

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Shelly (friend of Carla Oerter), Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson);

**For our leaders at every level

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.

**For Bible Camp staff and campers

Mission of the Month



Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) is dedicated to quality faith experiences and hospitality for all, and has been for more than 65 years. Christian camping allows each person to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation. Campers live and play in a nurturing environment, which in turn leads them to build a stronger faith foundation, discover personal gifts and develop new skills, as well as connecting with others and building life-long relationships.

Some other things campers will learn during a Bible Camp experience...

Controlled Independence: Kids learn responsibility and independence by keeping their bunks tidy, keeping their clothes together, and being ready on time...all under the supervision of adult leaders.

Positive Role models: From the rec staff to the leadership staff to fellow campers, kids are surrounded by godly role models who encouraged them in their relationship with God.

They will encounter God: A Bible-believing camp is the perfect opportunity for your kids to step into their own relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school. It's just them and God.

And...IT'S FUN!

A majority of lay and rostered church leaders today attribute their leadership and faith development to their experience at camp.

We are passionate about giving every child the opportunity to attend a LOSD Bible camp at least once in their life. We do not want cost to be the reason a child does not go. This year six children from our community will be attending at least one week of camp.

Fundraisers are being held to help raise money, but with the cost of camp being around \$500 per camper per week, additional financial support will be needed. Would you like to help assure that every child who wants to go to camp is able to go? All Mission of the Month donations during the month of June will go toward camperships.

To support this mission, drop your donation in the offering plate, the Globe Offering, or the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Please write checks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and write "Mission" in the memo line). Thank you for your support!