



St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Stewardship Sunday
February 16, 2025
10:45 a.m. Worship**



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A Series of Blessings and Woes

Having been on a mountain, Jesus met a crowd of disciples, sick people, and those plagued by demons on a level plain and began healing and teaching them. He taught a series of blessings followed by woes to the people. While the world may praise and uplift the provisions of this temporary earth, believers are taught that eternal life and comfort comes through Jesus Christ alone. Nothing on this earth will eternally satisfy us- only Jesus.

“10,000 Reasons”

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Chorus*)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending: Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not followed Your law in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have followed our own ways and have done that which is wrong in Your sight. We have not always been merciful, meek, or peacemakers. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

P Our gracious God has heard your cry for mercy. By the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: Ps. 119:7

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

**Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!**

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,

**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**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.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

Deacon Townley

♪ “Living Hope”

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How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeat)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeat)*

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
O God, You are my living hope.

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Communion Preparation

P Let us pray.

**C Holy God, You abide with Your creation and in Jesus Christ You
gather us at Your table. As You stayed with Your disciples for an
evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of your**

body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, open our hearts to share what we have received. Amen

The Words of Institution

🎵 “Behold the Lamb”

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See Him there, the great I Am,
A crown of thorns upon His head.
The Father’s heart displayed for us.
O God, we thank You for the cross.

Lifted up on Calvary’s hill,
We cursed Your name and even still
You bore our shame and paid the cost.
O God, we thank You for the cross.

Chorus: Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption written on His hands.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.
We sing Your praise, endless hallelujahs to Your holy name.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.

Offer up this sacrifice.
For every sin, our Savior died.
The Lord of Life can’t be contained.
Our God has risen from the grave.
Oh, our God has risen from the grave! Oh, (*Chorus*)

When the age of death is done,
We’ll see Your face bright as the sun.
We’ll bow before the King of kings.
O God, forever we will sing. (*Chorus*)

Chorus: Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption written on His hands.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.
We sing Your praise, endless hallelujahs to Your holy name.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.

Ending: You reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.

♪ “Lord I Need You”

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Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowling here, I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness.
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more,
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. (*Chorus*)

So teach my song to rise to You,
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. (*Chorus 2x*)

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness.
Oh God, how I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.

Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.
C Amen.

Announcements (see pg. 11)

Blessing and Dismissal

P May you hand over your worries to Jesus and receive His perfect peace.
May you lay down your judgments and hold close His fresh, new mercies.

C **Bless the Lord, oh my soul!**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

♪ “This Is Amazing Grace”

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Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love.
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life,
That I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
(All that You've done for me)

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (*Chorus*)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy, worthy, worthy. (*Chorus*)

General Announcements

1. Buffalo Wild Wings School Fundraiser

- a. The school is hosting a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on **Sunday, February 23 (all day)**.
- b. Please present a flyer to your server so we can earn 20%. Proceeds will be used to help pay for an end of the year Circus Day for the students!

2. Euchre Tournament

- a. **Sunday, February 23 at 2pm** in the Lounge.
- b. Please sign up on the sheet in Alcove D (next to the big trophy) or on signup genius (link available on the website).
- c. Players will rotate partners throughout the afternoon of fun - no charge to play.
- d. Bring a snack to share and your own drinks.

3. Lounge & Alcove Floor Cleaning

- a. **Monday, February 17** a contractor will be stripping and waxing the floors in the Lounge and around the Sanctuary.
- b. Please plan accordingly, and thank you for your patience!

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