

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
† Seventh Sunday after Pentecost †
Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, the Giver of all good things, teach us to ask of You those things we need for our salvation, that we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 138

- L I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before all others I sing Your praise. I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.
- C **On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul.**
- L Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life. You stretch out Your hand to deliver me.
- C **The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**
- L Let us worship the God who hears, who answers, who strengthens, and whose faithfulness leaves evidence all around us.

Opening Song

“Evidence”

Verse 1

All throughout my history,
Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring.
In every season, from where I'm standing

Chorus

Bridge

See the cross, the empty grave;
The evidence is endless.
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus. (Repeat)

Chorus 1

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, All over my life.
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, All over my life.

Chorus

Ending

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.
Why should I fear? Oh, The evidence is here.

Verse 2

Help me remember when I'm weak,
Fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory.
You are my strength and You always will be.

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Invocation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 18:20–33

Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to Me. And if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will You destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to Him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” And the Lord went His way, when He had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of Deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

And He said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

Verse 1

**Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide,
This weary soul, this bag of bones.
I try with all of my might,
But I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond**

Pre-Chorus

**And just when I ran out of the road,
I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.**

Chorus

**He picked me up, You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I am not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.**

“I Thank God”

Verse 2

**I cannot deny what I've seen;
Got no choice but to believe.
My doubts are burnin', oh, like ashes in the wind.
So so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness.
You can just keep them moving,
nah you ain't welcome here.**

Pre-Chorus

**From now till I walk the streets of gold,
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.**

Chorus

**Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free.
(4x)**

Chorus

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Children's Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

"Indescribable"

Verse 1

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty,
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Chorus 1

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name.
You are amazing God;
All powerful, untamable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

Chorus 1

You are amazing God. You are amazing God.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name.
You are amazing God;
Incomp'able, unchangeable;
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same.
You are amazing God. You are amazing God.
You are amazing God.

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Prayer of the Church

- † Thanksgiving for the birth of Liam Matthew Torney, son of Sean and Carrie Torney, grandson of Harry and Erin Smelcer (July 14).
- † Thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. David & Lois Mahsman (July 27).
- † Thanksgiving for the 34th wedding anniversary of Brian & Denise Oehler (July 27).
- † Jerry Lutz recovering from surgery.
- † Jen Williams continued healing and full recovery.
- † All who mourn the death of Lyndel Hopper, father of Mark Hopper.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22–24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

John 1:29

Distribution

Song

“Good Grace”

Verse 1

**People come together,
Strange as neighbours, our blood is one.
Children of generations,
Of every nation, of Kingdom come.**

Verse 2

**Jesus, our redemption,
Our salvation is in His blood.
Jesus, Light of heaven,
Friend forever, His Kingdom come.**

Chorus

**Don't let your heart be troubled;
Hold your head up high. Don't fear no evil;
Fix your eyes on this one truth:
God is madly in love with you.
Take courage, hold on, be strong,
Remember where our help comes from.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Swing wide all you heavens,
Let the praise go up as the walls come down.
All creation, everything with breath
repeat the sound.
All His children, clean hands, pure hearts
Good grace, good God. His Name is Jesus. (3x)**

Verse 2

“Goodness of God”

Verse 1

I love You Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.

Chorus 2x

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Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C Amen.

Benediction

- P 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.
C Amen.

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“My Feet are on the Rock”

Verse 1

I can see the clouds rolling.
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.
I will not be moved. My feet are on the Rock.

Verse 2

I can feel the waters rise.
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.
Fear won't hold me now. My feet are on the Rock.

Chorus

When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way.
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.

Verse 3

I can see the morning light.
I can feel the joy on the horizon.
Here my faith is found. I stand on solid ground.

Chorus

Bridge

On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands.
Our feet are on the Rock. (3x)

Chorus (2x)

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