

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Tenth Sunday after Pentecost †

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Merciful Father, since You sent Your only Son to undergo a singular baptism as the sacrifice for our sin, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and to follow in His way; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Opening Song

“God So Loved”

Verse 1

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Verse 2

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bridge

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love.
(repeat)

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son...
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Verse 4

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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Invocation

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

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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 23:16–29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to His word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the

Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

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

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

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

“Way Maker”

Verse 1

You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship You, I worship You.

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.
(repeat)

Verse 2

You are here, touching ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You;

Verse 3

You are here, turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You. Oh.

Chorus

Tag

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working.
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working. (repeat)

Chorus

Tag

Song of Response

“Blessed Be Your Name”

1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

2 Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Chorus

"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."

3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.

4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, Blessed be Your name." (REPEAT)

Chorus (2x)

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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.**

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory Song

“Battle Belongs”

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now,
For I am safe with You.

Chorus

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.

Verse 2

And if You are for me who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.

Chorus

Bridge

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
(3x)

Chorus

O God, the battle belongs to You.

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 18th wedding anniversary of Josh and Laura Akers (August 11).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 15th wedding anniversary of David and Caitlin Clark (August 14).
- ✠ In celebration of Chris Shearman's Ordination into the pastoral ministry, son of Dave & Sharon Shearman (August 17).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 58th wedding anniversary of John and Sharon Godwin (August 19).

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.**

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

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Chorus

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God.

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You. Chorus

Bridge

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
(Then) what could stand against?

Chorus 2x

Bridge

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The Service of Holy Baptism

The Invocation

The Scripture and Holy Gospel

The Lord's Prayer

The Address to Parents and Sponsors

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C **I do renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

The Baptism

The Gift of the Candle

The candle given is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the "light of the world." Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their "light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven."

The Prayer

The Welcome

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.**

The Blessing

C **Amen.**

