

Time After Pentecost

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10 am worship

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Welcome

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Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR JAMES JERPSETH

GATHERING SONG "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You

repeat

Verse

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You

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GATHERING PRAYER

SONG “Hungry”

Verse 1

Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy
I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry

Pre-Chorus

So I wait for You
So I wait for You

Chorus

I'm falling on my knees
Offering all of me
Jesus You're all this heart is living for

Verse 2

Broken I run to You for Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know Your touch restores my life

Pre-Chorus

Chorus x2

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SONG “Because Of You”

VERSE 1

There's a place where the streets shine
with the glory of the Lamb
There's a way we can go there
we can live there beyond time

PRE-CHORUS

Because of You, Because of You
Because of your love Because of Your blood

VERSE 2

No more pain no more sadness
no more suffering no more tears
no more sin no more sickness
no injustice no more death

PRE-CHORUS

Because of You because of you
Because of your love Because of your blood

CHORUS

All our sins are washed away, and we can live forever
now we have this hope because of you
Oh we'll see you face to face and we will dance together
in the city of our God because of You

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. *Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

SONG "The Old Rugged Cross"

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

Chorus

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And exchange it some day for a crown

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SONG “Pour Out My Heart”

Verse

Here I am once again
I pour out my heart for I know
That You hear every cry
You are listening no matter
What state my heart is in
You are faithful to answer
With words that are true
And a hope that is real
As I feel Your touch
You bring a freedom
To all that's within
In the safety of this place
I'm longing to

Chorus

Pour out my heart
To say that I love You
Pour out my heart
To say that I need You
Pour out my heart
To say that I'm thankful
Pour out my heart
To say that You're wonderful

repeat song

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - LWR Disaster Relief Middle East Crisis: *Lutheran Disaster Response is working with our companions on the ground throughout the Middle East, to provide critical assistance for those affected by the conflict, including emergency food and water, shelter and essential supplies, trauma-informed care and long-term recovery efforts.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

SECOND READING *These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are*

fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL *Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches"...He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."..."The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding

one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

MESSAGE BY PASTOR JAMES JERPSETH

SONG “Lead Me To The Cross”

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

Verse 2

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death Now You're risen

Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to the cross

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Anastasia Balmaceda, Helmut Moeller, Diane Raines, Mary Peters, Marge Foelber and prayers of thanksgiving for Brian and Michelle Lewis on the birth of their twins Margeaux and Miles Lewis. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Matt Reese.*

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "Jesus My Everything"

Verse 1

I've been looking for a reason
I've been longing for a purpose
I'm losing all my meaning
I've run out of excuses
Lord it's hard to know You
I don't always see Your plan
But holiness is calling me
So take me as I am

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything
You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything

Verse 2

Lord I get so tired of the struggle within
I settle in complacency
And I'm weighed down in my sin
So lead me past emotion
'Cause they change with the wind
I want to be a true disciple
To daily choose Your hand

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything

You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything (**repeat line**)

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG "Forever Reign"

Verse 1

You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sin

Verse 2

You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

Chorus

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

Verse 3

You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Chorus

Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus Jesus
(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

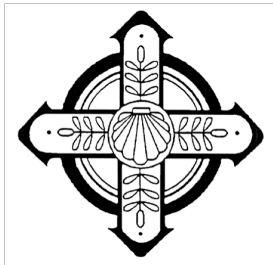
C: Thanks be to God.

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