

# St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**August 2, 2020**

**9 AM**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

*Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. The order of service begins on page s184 for those following along in the ELW hymnal.*



## Gathering Music

"Amazing Grace" arr. Albert Zabel

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God... because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

#513 Listen, God is Calling

Refrain  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

## Kyrie

*Refrain:*

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, every day.**

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain:*

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. Refrain**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. Refrain**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Word

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## **First Reading**

*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them."

He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup>"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 105



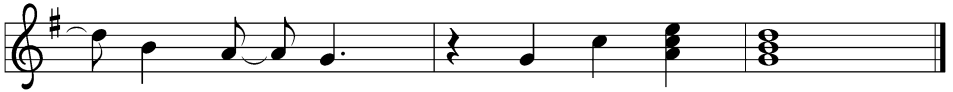
Give thanks to the LORD and call up - on God's name;



make known the deeds of the LORD a - mong the peo - ples,



that they might keep your stat - utes and ob - serve



your teach - ings, Hal - le - lu - jah!

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the strength of the LORD;  
continually seek God's face.

Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones. **Refrain**

Then God called for a famine in the land  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

The LORD sent a man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters;

his neck they put in an iron collar.  
Until his prediction came to pass,  
the word of the LORD tested him.  
The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples | set him free,  
setting him as a master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,  
to instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

*Romans 10:5-15*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”

<sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

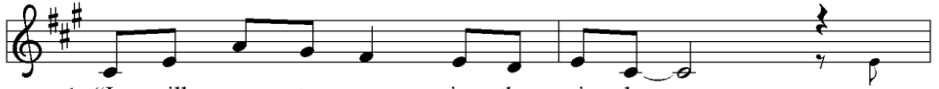


# Children's Message

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

#581 You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spir - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
all will know my name. *To refrain*  
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

## **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 to the dead. 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 Intercession**

The Assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

## **Sharing of the Peace**

### **Musical Offering**

"The Lord's My Shepherd" arr. Albert Zabel

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### **Offertory Prayer**

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. With water and word we see your abundant grace. Nourish us, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

### **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.

# Sending

## Blessing

### Sending Song

#763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**