
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 3, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN: “Before You, Lord, We Bow” (LSB #966)

**Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!**

**The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land
Gifts of Your hand
Our thanks we pay.**

**Earth, hear your Maker’s voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucifed.**

**And when in pow’r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav’n’s high King
Salvation’s song!**

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INVOCATION



REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD: (From Ps 124 & 130)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

CONFESSION OF SIN: (Spoken together)

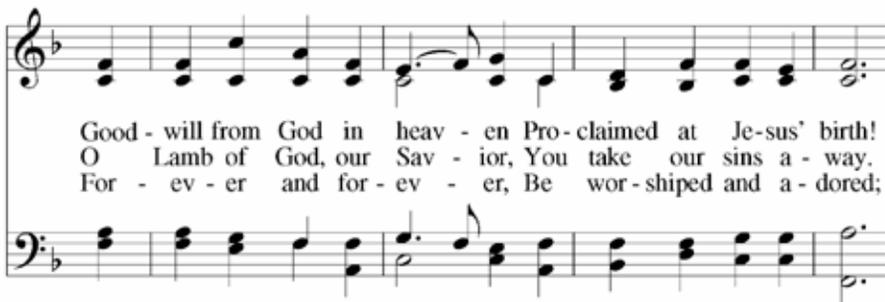
Lord, Your Spirit has drawn us again to hear Your Word and call upon You in prayer and praise. Yet we are not worthy of Your blessings. We have sinned against You and against one another in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, and cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. So for the sake of Your Son Jesus, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Sung together, LSB p. 204)



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

²⁶When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD...¹ The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." ⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." ⁷Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' ¹¹"This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" ¹³Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die." ¹⁵After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 2:11-21

¹¹When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹²Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. ¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? ¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' ¹⁶know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷"If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

RESPONSE: (*Sung together, LSB p. 205*)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*Spoken together*)

I believe that the Father Almighty is my God and your God. I believe that He made the galaxies and the earth. He has made all people for Himself and for each other. I believe that He loved each of us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus, to be born a human, to grow and to teach and to love. But being human was not enough; Jesus also had to suffer and die. So God's Son, for the joy set before Him, endured the pain and death on a cross, for you and for me and for all people. After three days, He rose from the grave. He ascended into heaven, and was exalted by His Father to be Lord and King over all. I believe that when Jesus returns to the earth visibly, He will claim all who believe in Him as His royal family, to live in His kingdom forever. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has given each of us faith in Jesus and preserves us in that faith. He gives to us new life, new hope and an everlasting love. So I also believe that all Christians will rise from death and live with God in eternal glory. And I believe that we have more than a fellowship of people with faith. We have a message for the world, and that message is Jesus is the Christ, in whom alone forgiveness and life with God are found. Amen.

SONG: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (*Songsheet Binder*)

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.

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.

**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.
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.**

**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 the forevermore!
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.**

End...worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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SERMON: Luke 7:36-50 "Do You Love a Little or a Lot?"

THE OFFERING

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION: (Adapted from Luther's prayers)

Pastor: Lord, You have commanded us to honor our father and mother.

People: **In this commandment You establish and secure our preservation as humans in our homes and in our nation.**

Pastor: Without these structures that You have instituted for us to live in, we could not live together.

People: **Where government collapses or turns aside from Your will, there is no peace.**

Pastor: Where there is no peace, our homes are in danger.

People: **When homes collapse the protecting care of father and mother is hindered and children will not be properly born and raised.**

Pastor: With the words of this commandment, You support home and nation, and require our obedience.

People: **You do this, not to steal our freedom away, but to protect our freedom, and enable us to hold on to the physical blessings You mean for all to have.**

Pastor: Help us as Your redeemed children in Christ,

People: **To understand Your good will, and gladly follow it in love for You and for one another. Amen.**

HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land" (LSB #965)

**God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state.**

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SONG: "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" (Don Moen)

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,
Singing, "Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord." (Repeat)**

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IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Instrumental music during distribution.)

BENEDICTION

SONG: "Let It Be Said of Us" (Steve Fry)

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
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PRAYER MINISTRY

Please include the following friends and happenings in your personal prayers

For God's Blessing On Their Medical Treatment - Richard St Martin

Our Home bound & Those In Care Centers - Pat Hibben - John Arne - Vera Marko - Lillian Prok - Jerry & Sharon Bliven -
Lorraine McKay - Marion Michalik - Stan Cherveney

Our Local & Global Mission Ministries

-Rev Dr. Dan & Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia (Recipients of our "Together In Mission")

-Rev. Blidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our "Care Barrels")

Local & Global Concerns

-For Health & Safety in this COVID 19 Pandemic

-For a spirit of unity and Godliness among the leadership of The United States of America and President Biden

Birthday's This Week

05-Jul Craig Anderson

07-Jul Mariah Mentzos

Anniversaries This Week

04-Jul Lucas & Sarah Rollings 13

08-Jul Nick & Amanda Moe 5

09-Jul Barbara & Thomas Morrison 46

³⁶ Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸ and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. ⁴¹ "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

1. How do we tend to measure love today?
2. What is a better indicator of love?
3. What proved the woman by Jesus really loved him?
4. How did Jesus know Simon didn't really love him?
5. What do our actions show about our love for Jesus?
6. What did Jesus' words do for the woman before him?
7. What do the actions of Jesus' life reveal?
8. How are we moved to love Jesus more than we have before?



VEAP Emergency Summer Food Campaign

Due to the much needed food support at VEAP. Holy Emmanuel and Open Arms ECC will be having a food drive to benefit people in need in our community

**Emergency Summer Food Campaign.
July 1st through July 31 2022.**

Presently, the items we most need include:

- **Whole grain rice (1-2 pound bags)**
- **Whole grain pasta**
- **Hearty soups (high protein, low sodium)**
- **Whole grain cereal (like Shredded Wheat, Kashi, bran cereals, Chex, etc.) cereal bars, fruit snacks**
- **Canned proteins (meat and beans)**
- **Canned fruit and vegetables**

Please place your items in the bin in the Narthex or in the entrance to Open Arms ECC.

Items will be delivered to VEAP .

Thank you for your support of those in need in our community.

