

9th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

What Does Your Heart Hear?

August 7, 2022 – 10:30 am

Zion Lutheran Church
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 **Zion Lutheran Sioux Falls**

AS WE GATHER

Today our worship centers on faith versus fear and doubt, illustrated in the life of Abraham.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Every Giant will Fall” Rend Collective

Verse 1

I can see the promised land Though there's pain within the plan
There is victory in the end Your love is my battle cry

Verse 2

When my fears like Jericho Build their walls around my soul
When my heart is overthrown Your love is my battle cry
The anthem for all my life

Chorus

Every giant will fall the mountains will move
Every chain of the past You've broken in two
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth
That nothing is impossible with You

Verse 3

There is hope within the fight In the wars that wage inside
Though the shadows steal the light Your love is my battle cry
The anthem for all my life

Chorus

Every giant will fall the mountains will move
Every chain of the past You've broken in two
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth
That nothing is impossible (with You)
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

No greater name No higher name
No stronger name Than Jesus
You overcame Broke every chain
Forever reign King Jesus
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

Every giant will fall the mountains will move
Every chain of the past You've broken in two
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth
That nothing is impossible (with You)
(Repeat Chorus)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Friends in Christ: God's Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to trust his mercy. So today and every day we seek as mercy, for each day our faith falters and we need God strength.

People: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others by our speaking, thinking and doing. Overwhelmed by fears and cares, our faith has sometimes failed. We have doubted your love and Providence. We have sought for assurance of our hope through proof rather than trust. For our sin we are truly sorry. We seek your mercy for the sake of Jesus.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: “Oceans” Hillsong UNITED

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep My faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sovereign hand Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed and You won't start
now

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior
(Repeat 2 times)

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace For I am Yours and You are mine

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First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Here ends the Reading.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by

faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Here ends the Reading

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-40

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the

middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING SONG: “Leaning” Brian Elmquist | Jacob Sooter | Lizzie Morgan | Matt Maher

Verse 1

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord
Let my no be no to things of this world
If I rise or fall if I stand at all
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
 God I'm Yours and You are mine
 Let my restless soul be still and know
 I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Verse 2

From the morning sun and mercies new
 To the evening stars every promise is true
 As I walk this world I'm held by You
 I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
 God I'm Yours and You are mine
 Let my restless soul be still and know
 I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm flying
 Feels less like dying
 More like living for Heaven on Earth

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 Feels less like dying
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Chorus

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 God I'm Yours and You are mine
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Ending

I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**THE 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.

BENEDICTION**CLOSING SONG:** "We Believe" Hooper | Fike | Ryan**Verse 1**

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
 There is only one foundation We believe We believe

In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
 There is only one salvation We believe We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
 We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
 We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
 We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again
 We believe

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
 In our weakness and temptations We believe We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
 We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
 We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
 We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
 In the here and now let love invade
 Let the church live loud our God we'll say
 We believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back

Ending

He's coming back again He's coming back again
We believe We believe

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All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!