

16th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

“A Mighty Wonder”

September 17, 2023 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Genesis 1:1 – 2:3. We forget or even refuse to believe that God is our Creator and the Giver of all good things. God gives us faith to believe that He created the heavens and the earth and that He continues to provide us with all good things, especially life and salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Rescuer” Rend Collective

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Chorus

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Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores

He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Chorus

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Bridge

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(Repeat Bridge)

End Chorus

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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord overall, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. 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.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: "Great Are You Lord" All Sons & Daughters

Verse 1

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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Bridge

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Bridge

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Bridge

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The Reading of the Day: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

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 | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: “Creator” Bryan Fowler | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

Praise Him all you creatures great and small
Praise Him summer winter spring and fall
Howling wind rushing streams
Rolling hills and crashing seas
Lift your voice and worship your Creator

Verse 2

Praise Him gleaming moon and burning sun
Praise Him all you spinning spheres above
Shining stars golden beams
Choir made of galaxies
Lift your voice and worship your Creator

Chorus

Holy You are Holy Earth and heaven sing forever
Holy You are Holy All creation praise Creator

Verse 3

Praise Him who stepped into what He made
Paid our debt and pulled us from the grave
Every heart He set free
Every soul that’s been redeemed
Lift your voice and worship your Creator

Chorus

Holy You are Holy Earth and heaven sing forever
Holy You are Holy All creation praise Creator

Verse 4

This my great and everlasting hope
I’ve been saved and heaven is my home
I can’t wait for that day
When I see You face to face
For I was made to magnify my Maker
Yes, I was saved to walk beside my Savior
I’m created to worship my Creator

Chorus

Holy You are Holy Earth and heaven sing forever
Holy You are Holy All creation praise Creator

Chorus

Holy You are Holy Earth and heaven sing forever
Holy You are Holy All creation praise Creator

Ending

Yes, all creation Praise Creator

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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

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Ending

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

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!