

**6th SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
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**AS WE GATHER**

This week it's all about listening ... to God's word ... and to living it out in compassion, integrity and mercy ... which requires listening to others. This can be harder than it sounds with all the noise that bombards us each day. That's why the discipline of worship is so important. It gives us the time and the space to learn the practice of listening well. As we listen to God's message and implement God's saving reconciling word through simple acts of mercy, compassion and a commitment to truth and integrity, that we find ourselves living out the reality of God's reign in our lives and our world. May your listening abilities be enhanced by your worship this week.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** Lion and the Lamb © Big Daddy Weave

**Verse 1**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop The Lord almighty

**Chorus**

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

**Verse 2**

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

**Chorus**

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**Bridge**

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

**Chorus**

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**WELCOME and 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: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Pastor: Let us confess together:

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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:** Your Love Defends Me Matt Maher

### **Verse 1**

You are my joy, You are my song  
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from  
You are my refuge, my whole life long  
Where else would I go?

### **Chorus**

Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

### **Verse 2**

Day after day, night after night  
I will remember, You're with me in this fight  
Although the battle, it rages on  
The war already won  
I know the war is already won

### **Chorus**

Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

### **Bridge**

We sing Hallelujah You're my portion  
My salvation Hallelujah

### **Chorus**

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And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

### **Chorus**

Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

### **Bridge**

We sing Hallelujah You're my portion  
My salvation Hallelujah  
You're my portion My salvation  
Hallelujah You're my portion My salvation

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: O God, the inexhaustible fount of life, You accepted the offering of Your Son, sacrificed for the salvation of the world. Consecrate us in that unity, which is Your Spirit's gift, that we may abide always in Your love and become witnesses of the resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## TIME IN THE WORD

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**First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-14

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” So, Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. “Where is your wife, Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So, Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Here ends the Reading.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:21-29

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the

Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Here ends the Reading

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

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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:** “10,000 Reasons” Matt Redman

**Chorus**

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

**Chorus**

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

**Chorus**

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 then forevermore

**Chorus**

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

**Chorus**

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  
Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

**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

**SEND OFF**

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**