

9th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

What Does Your Heart Hear?

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Zion Lutheran Church
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AS WE GATHER

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

OPENING PRAISE SONG: I Believe

Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7218424

Verse 1

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption One confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus

All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Verse 3

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

Verse 4

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Chorus

All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Bridge

No, I'll never be ashamed
of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life
No, I'll never be ashamed
of the gospel of Jesus Christ
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Chorus

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Ending

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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: God's Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to trust his mercy. So today and every day we seek His mercy, for each day our faith falters and we need God's 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 assurance of our hope through proof rather than trust. For our sins 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: "Christ is Risen" © Matt Maher

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross And run to Him Who showed great love
And bled for us Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign Forever let Your church proclaim

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Bridge

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light The glory of God has defeated the night
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light Our God is not dead, He's alive! He's alive!

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Oh God, our Father, by Your Holy Spirit You give the gift of faith. Give us such faith that goes where You lead, treasures You above all else and holds firmly to You, that we may at last be received into Your heavenly city, where we will serve You forever. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 wildflowers 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

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC: Still Waters (Psalm 23) music by Leanna Crawford

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: “Same God” Brandon Lake | Pat Barrett | Chris Brown

Verse 1

I'm calling on the God of Jacob whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses the one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness On Your faithfulness

Verse 2

I'm calling on the God of Mary Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath but I've got my own giants

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness On Your faithfulness

Bridge

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now
You are the same God You are the same God
You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were providing then You are providing now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a healer then You are a healer now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were the Savior then You are the Savior now
You are the same God You are the same God

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness on Your faithfulness

Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness on Your faithfulness

COMMUNION SONG: “My Lighthouse” © Rend Collective

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)

Safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms
(Repeat 3 times)

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

DISMISSAL and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: Lead On Good Shepherd Frankie Orella, Patrick Mayberry, Paul
Duncan CCLI Song #7209206

Verse 1

Well, I’ve been turned 'round
but I’ve never been lost
Seen the water get troubled
But we walked across
When my knees were shaking
You held my hand
Turning my problems
to a promised land

Chorus

Lead on Good Shepherd
I'll follow all my days
there is nothing sweeter
than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley
but You never steered me wrong
So, lead on Good Shepherd
lead on

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons
that You brought me through
Seen some mighty big mountains
that just up and moved
Glory, glory hallelujah
Yeah, that's my song
Walking with my Father
into the great unknown

Bridge

Step by step day by day
lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith
Lead on Good Shepherd (*repeat*)

Chorus

Bridge

Ending

Lead on Good Shepherd
Lead on Good Shepherd
Lead on Good Shepherd
Lead on

SEND OFF

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