

12th SUNDAY After PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

Pet dogs know the right place to be at mealtime: under the table. They know you don't need a special seat; these dogs are happy to get crumbs of "people food." And we rejoice to receive what we don't deserve: whatever blessings God bestows on us, disobedient sinners that we are. In the Old Testament Reading, God promises that He would call us foreigners to His table, and here we are. Even the disobedience of God's Old Testament people has proven good for us, as we see everyone receiving mercy from a gracious God. The Canaanite woman in the Gospel saw herself in the position of a dog, trusting she would receive crumbs from the family table. But the bread crumb falling to earth she and we have received is none other than the Son of God, the Bread of Life. The crumb each of us receives is priceless! As we gather around Word and Sacrament, we get no stale food, but the nourishment we need for abundant life each day until we join saints and angels at the eternal feast in heaven.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: Joy of The Lord © Ed Cash, Rend Collective

Verse 1

Though the tears may fall my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You Lord

Verse 2

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Verse 3

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain Like courage in the fight
I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves reaching for Your light

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Repeat Chorus)

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.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins known and unknown.

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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

BAPTISM: Lydia Rae Kirkwold

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.

PRAISE SONG: “There Is One Gospel” Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan The Son has rescued me

Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross

No more I boast in what I can bring No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down He lives and I am free

Now on my Savior I fix my eyes My life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 4

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Ending

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting Father, although we do not deserve to be heard,
You invite us to call out to You in every circumstance. Grant us confident faith
that You hear us and peace in our hearts that Your answers will meet our deepest
needs; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children’s Bible Reading: Page 302

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says: “Maintain justice and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And
foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of
the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and
who hold fast to my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them
joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my
altar; for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.” The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those
already gathered.”

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Here ends the Reading.

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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE CHEST

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: “Because He Lives” Matt Maher

Verse 1

I believe in the Son I believe in the risen One
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

Bridge

I can face tomorrow Because He lives
Every fear is gone I know He holds my life my future in His hands

End Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives Because He lives

SEND OFF

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