NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixth after Pentecost – June 30th, 2024 (11:11 am)

WHY JESUS?

Psalm 81:1-10 Lamentations 3:22–33 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15 Mark 5:21–43

The Lord Jesus Is Faithful, and in Mercy He Raises You Up from Death to Life

The Lord is faithful. His steadfast love never ceases, and "his mercies never come to an end" (Lam. 3:22–23). To keep us in repentance and to make our faith grow, He causes grief for a while, but He does not cast off forever; in due time, "he will have compassion" (Lam. 3:31–33). Therefore, "hope in him," and "wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD," for "the LORD is good to those who wait for him" (Lam. 3:24–26). That is what the woman did who had "a discharge of blood," and also the ruler whose daughter was "at the point of death." Each waited on the mercy of the Lord Jesus, and each received His saving help (Mark 5:21–28). The woman had suffered much for 12 years, and the ruler's daughter had already died before Jesus arrived. Yet at the right time, the woman was immediately "healed of her disease," and the little girl "got up and began walking" (Mark 5:29, 42). Such is "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," who humbled Himself unto the extreme poverty of death "so that you by his poverty might become rich," even unto life everlasting (2 Cor. 8:9).

WELCOME - (Anabel)

GATHERING SONG

THE SAME LOVE

- You choose the humble and raise them high You choose the weak and make them strong You heal our brokenness inside And give us life
- The same love that set the captives free

The same love that opened eyes to see

Is calling us all by name

You are calling us all by name

The same God that spread the heavens wide

The same God that was crucified

Is calling us all by name

You are calling us all by name

You take the faithless one aside And speak the words you are Mine You call the cynic and the proud Come to Me now

Oh oh

Oh oh

You're calling You're calling You're calling us to the cross You're calling You're calling You're calling us to the cross

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I'M SO BLESSED

I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

Trouble knocking at my door today I ain't gonna let it in Worry wanna steal my joy away

I ain't gonna let it win On my best day I'm a child of God

On my worst day I'm a child of God

Oh everyday is a good day

You're the reason why

I'm so blessed I'm so blessed Got this heartbeat in my chest No it doesn't matter about the rest If I got You Lord I'm so blessed

I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

When I count the problems that I see Hope looks all but gone But when I count the ways You're good to me You got me counting all day long

I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

No it doesn't matter about the rest

If I got You Lord hallelujah I'm blessed

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

P - In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C - Dear God, beloved Father! Even though the world tries to tell us something different, we know from Your Word that we are sinners and that we have a tendency to

walk away from You. We sin in thought, words, deeds and omissions.

We come before your presence to confess our sins. Some of them we do remember, many of them we don't. But we know that You know all things, and You want us to confess all of them, because you always receive the repentant sinner, and forgive and help in any situation.

Have mercy on us, o Lord! Receive our humble confession, and according to your will, by grace and through Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins. In your name, we pray!

(Brief silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P – Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Go in peace, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG - HE IS A LIGHT

Ooh-oh (ooh-oh) Jesus is the one who lights our way Ooh-oh (ooh-oh) He gives us hope for each new day Ooh-oh (ooh-oh) When the world feels dark and lonely His love illuminates He's the one I trust, and I will follow him He is the light that **Breaks through the darkness** Follow his lead and light it up, light it up Jesus will guide us Through every dark time Follow his lead and light it up Light up the world I'm gonna follow Jesus Wherever he will lead me I'm gonna follow Jesus all the way-ay I'm gonna follow Jesus Wherever he will lead me I'm gonna follow Jesus all the way-ay He is the light that **Breaks through the darkness**

Follow his lead and light it up, light it up Jesus will guide us Through every dark time Follow his lead and light it up Light up the world Light up the world Light up the world

BIBLE READINGS - (Laverne)

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9; 13-15

Encouragement to Give Generously

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

<u>MARK 5:21-43</u>

Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter

²¹And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

WORSHIP SONG - WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer O what peace we often forfeit O what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden Cumbered with a load of care Precious Saviour still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer Do thy friends despise forsake thee Take it to the Lord in prayer In His arms He'll take and shield thee Thou wilt find a solace there Have we trials and temptations Is there trouble anywhere We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer

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MESSAGE – WHY JESUS?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the CREATOR of all things, the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the SON of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin - that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the Church of God, the people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

[By: Handt Hanson; Source: The Other Song Book]

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

> In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

> No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (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

The **Lord** bless you and keep you. The **Lord** make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL SONG - EVERLASTING GOD

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

> You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint You won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

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