

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 7th, 2024 (11:11 am)

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU

Psalm 123

Ezekiel 2:1–5

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

Mark 6:1–13

The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: “Thus says the Lord God,” whether the people “hear or refuse to hear” (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus “went about among the villages teaching” (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, “many who heard him were astonished,” marveling at His wisdom and at the “mighty works done by his hands,” and yet “they took offense at him” (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His “authority over the unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, “cast out many demons” and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ “is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

WELCOME – (Ana)

GATHERING SONG – OPEN THE EYES

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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LORD REIGN IN ME

Over all the earth
You reign on high
Every mountain stream
Every sunset sky
But my one request
Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

***Lord reign in me
Reign in Your power
Over all my dreams
In my darkest hour
You are the Lord
Of all I am
So won't You reign in me again***

Over every thought
Over every word
May my life reflect
The beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

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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.

PSALM 123 – OUR EYES LOOK TO THE LORD OUR GOD (Pastor)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**²Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

**³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

**⁴Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

CONFESSION OF SINS - (said in unison) (Pastor)

P – O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all thy mercies and all the truth which thou hast showed unto thy servants. But thou, by thy great compassion, forgive us, o Lord:

C – **Our little faith, our lack of vision, The sin of knowing thy Word and not proclaiming it with boldness and passion, Our readiness to accept half-truths and to be carried away by every wind of doctrine, Our many sins against thy love and thy mercy in our daily relationships, Our many drifting into ease and compromise, our slackness in the fight against evil, The prejudice and pride which often obscures our sense of oneness in thee. Forgive us, O Lord. In Jesus' name!** (*Brief silence*)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P – These words of absolution, heard by Christians around the world, are God's Word of forgiveness for us here at New Beginnings this morning: – **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name, he gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.** (*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*)

WORSHIP SONG – LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way*

*And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

***Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You***

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BIBLE READINGS - (Vince)

EZEKIEL 2:1-5

Ezekiel's Call

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-12

Paul's Visions and His Thorn

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from

becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Concern for the Corinthian Church

"I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. ¹²The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

MARK 6:1-13

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against

them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

WORSHIP SONG – HE IS THE 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

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Jesus will guide us

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MESSAGE – MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU (*2 Corinthians 12:9*)

WORSHIP SONG (IN PREPARATION OF COMMUNION) – HOW GREAT THOU ART (1 and 2)

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
The works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars
I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed

***Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art***

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

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'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

- I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.
- I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.
- I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" In the same way also, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION – SONGS: DRAW ME CLOSE, HOW GREAT THOU ART, SHOUT TO THE LORD

DRAW ME CLOSE

Draw me close to You never let me go
 I lay it all down again
 To hear You say that I'm Your friend
 You are my desire no one else will do
 'Cause nothing else could take Your place
 To feel the warmth of Your embrace
 Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want

You're all I've ever needed

You're all I want

Help me know You are near

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God
 When I in awesome wonder
 Consider all
 The works Thy hand hath made
 I see the stars
 I hear the mighty thunder
 Thy pow'r throughout

The universe displayed
***Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art***

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin
 When Christ shall come
 With shout of acclamation
 And take me home
 What joy shall fill my heart
 Then shall I bow
 In humble adoration
 And there proclaim
 My God how great Thou art

Until that day
When heaven bids us welcome
And as we walk
This broken warring world
Your kingdom come
Deliver us from evil
And we'll proclaim
Our God how great You are
With hope we'll sing
Our God how great You are

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

***Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You***

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

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 – 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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