

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Augst 11th, 2024 (11:11 am)

CONFLICTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Psalm 34:1–8

1 Kings 19:1–8

Ephesians 4:17–5:2

John 6:35–51

The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life

God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He “draws” you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. “Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father” comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but “will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:44–45). He is “the bread of life,” who “comes down from heaven” in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and “live forever” (John 6:48–51). Although “the journey is too great for you,” in the strength of this food you shall come to “the mount of God.” Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but “arise and eat” (1 Kings 19:5–8). And “no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds” (Eph. 4:17), but “walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us” (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been “created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, “be imitators of God, as beloved children” (Eph. 5:1), by “forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32).

WELCOME

GATHERING SONGS

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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HOLY

Holy holy God Almighty
Who was and is to come
God of glory You're so worthy
All the saints bow down

***Holy is Your name in all the earth
Righteous are Your ways so merciful
Everything You've done is just and true
Holy holy God are You
Holy holy God (are You)***

*All blessing all honor belongs to You
All power all wisdom is Yours all blessing
All blessing all honor belongs to You
All power all wisdom is Yours*

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BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

***Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere***

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
*My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul*

*I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere*

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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.

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

P – We have come together as God's family to worship Him and to hear His Word. We have to confess, however, that we are in no way worthy in and of ourselves to stand before God, to speak to Him in prayer, to hear His Word. Let us confess our sinfulness before God, receive the assurance of His forgiveness and then direct our hearts minds and spirits to God and His Word.

- silence for personal reflection and confession -

P – O God of strength and joy and fullness, we come before You confess our sins:

C – **As Your sheep, O Lord, we acknowledge that we have often strayed from Your paths of righteousness. We have forsaken the true, the noble, the right, the pure, the excellent and praiseworthy things and have exchanged them for the false, deceitful, underhanded and shameful things of this world. Amid abundance, we have been discontented. Amid temptation, we have neglected Your strength and been weak. Despite Your loving care, we have often been anxious and have doubted that You would supply all our needs. For these, our many transgressions and failures, forgive us, O Lord.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P – God has heard your prayer of confession. Before the words were even off your lips, God had acted. He sent His Son Jesus Christ, to suffer and to die for our failures and sins. Jesus has taken your falsehood, your deceit, your underhanded and shameful things with Him to the cross, has forgiven you, and has replaced those things with His goodness, His

righteousness, His love and His grace. He gives you His joy in Jesus. He gives you His strength in Jesus. He gives you His peace in Jesus. And God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Go in peace, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen!

PSALM34:1-8 - TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD (Pastor)

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**²My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

**³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!**

**⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

**⁵Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

**⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

**⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

**⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

WORSHIP SONG

SON OF GOD

Son of God shaper of the stars
You alone the dweller of my heart
Mighty King how beautiful You are
How beautiful
Son of God the Father's gift to us
You alone were broken on the altar of love
Precious Lamb our freedom's in Your blood
It's in Your blood

***Jesus oh Holy One
I sing to You forgiven***

Savior I'm overcome

With Your great love for me

Son of God strength beyond compare
You alone the darkness cannot bear
Lord of love Your kindness draws me near
It draws me

Son of God prophecy of old
You alone Redeemer of my soul
Come again and lead Your people home
Come lead us home

*You are worthy You are worthy
You are worthy of all my praise
You are beautiful You are beautiful
I will lift up my hands and sing*

With Your great love
With Your great love
With Your great love

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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
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 - (Penny)

EPHESIANS 4:17-5:2

The New Life

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self,^[a] which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be

put away from you, along with all malice.³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Walk in Love

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

JOHN 6:35-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."⁴² They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.⁴⁸ I am the bread of life.⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

WORSHIP SONG – JESUS LEAD ON

This is my cry
This is my song
You are my guiding light
When the way is unknown
And when these sunny skies
Turn shades of gray
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on
Let Your love light the way
Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on

Hear now this cry
Hear now this song
You are the guiding light
For this journey I'm on
And when my vision is clouded
By the wind and the rain
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Lead me on
Lead me on
Lead me on
I will follow

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MESSAGE – CONFLICTS AND DISCUSSIONS (*Ephesians 4:17-5:2*)

WORSHIP SONG – WE BELIEVE

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

***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)***

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

*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 will save
We believe 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
He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe*

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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 (Pastor)

P - 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 SONGS

I'M SO 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

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

No it doesn't matter about the rest

If I got You Lord I'm blessed

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LORD REIGN IN ME

Overall 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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