

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 22nd, 2022 (11:11 am)

G.O.A.T

Psalm 54
Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:13-4:10
Mark 9:30-37

Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

The sinful heart is filled with *"bitter jealousy and selfish ambition"* (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God *"opposes the proud"* with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He *"gives grace to the humble,"* in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6-10). This true *"wisdom from above"* is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was *"like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,"* committing Himself to God, His Father, *"who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind"* (Jer. 11:19-20). Therefore, *"after three days,"* His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36-37).

WELCOME – (Anabel)

GATHERING SONGS –

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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HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

1) Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

***Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me***

2) King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship ...
Well, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
***Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God***

***You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me***

Hillsong Worship

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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)

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 the tendency to walk away from You. We come before your presence to confess our sins. We see You and come to Your presence through our Good Shepherd Jesus, who took our sin, our cross and our shame. Receive our humble confession, and forgive us all our sins. In Jesus' name, we pray! *(Brief silence)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P – Almighty God has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives 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. In the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT your sins are forgiven. Amen.

KIDS 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

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

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KIDS MESSAGE –

WORSHIP SONGS – I BELONG TO GOD

No longer bound by fear
No longer found in shame
Here we are now children of a mighty God
We have been marked marked by grace
We have been called by name
Here we are now children of a mighty God
A mighty God

I belong to God I belong to Jesus

Saved by Your power and bought with Your blood

I'll say to the darkness

You do not own me anymore

Oh oh I belong to God

Oh oh I belong to God

We look upon Your scars
We see a God who heals
Here we are now children of a mighty God
Written in red in red for us
Your everlasting love
Here we are now children of a mighty God

You're a mighty God

I am defined by Your heart for me

I am defined by the power of Your cross

I'm so alive with Your life in me

Now everything within me knows that I belong to God

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BIBLE READINGS - (Kevin)

JEREMIAH 11:18-20

**¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.**

**¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.**

**I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,**

**“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”**

**²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.**

JAMES 3:13-4:10

Wisdom from Above

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Warning Against Worldliness

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions^[a] are at war within you?^[b] ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people!^[c] Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

MARK 9:30-37

Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

WORSHIP SONGS – STAND IN YOUR LOVE

When darkness tries to roll over my bones

When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

There's power that can break off every chain

There's power that can empty out a grave

There's resurrection power that can save

There's power in Your name power in Your name

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

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MESSAGE – G.O.A.T – Mark 9:30–37

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]

WORSHIP SONG – COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

***Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.***

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

***Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.***

3. So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

***Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.***

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer Cam)

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 grace of our Lord *JESUS CHRIST* and the love of *GOD* and the communion of the *HOLY SPIRIT* be with you all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG - MY LIGHTHOUSE

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 whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea
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 whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

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 whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us

You're the brightest

You will lead us

Through the storms (hey)

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