

WELCOME TO WORSHIP FOR JULY 5, 2020!

AS WE GATHER

In 1 Samuel 16:7 we are reminded "The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Our hearts matter to God! David's heart trusted the LORD--and he saw great victories and was strengthened as David waited for God to make him king. As we move into The Story, Chapter 11 "From Shepherd To King," may our hearts be strengthened as well!

+ OPENING HYMN +

822 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING

sts. 1–3

1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!

To God the Father let us bring

Our songs of adoration.

To Him through everlasting days

Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,

Whose hand sustains creation.

Singing, ringing:

Holy, holy, God is holy;

Spread the story -Of our God, the Lord of glory.

2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Lamb of God we sing,

In whom we are elected.

He bought His Church with His own blood,

He cleansed her in that blessed flood,

And as His bride selected.

Holy, holy; Is our union

And communion.

His befriending -Gives us joy and peace unending.

3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Holy Ghost we sing

For our regeneration.

The saving faith in us He wrought

And us unto the Bridegroom brought,

Made us His chosen nation.

Glory! Glory! Joy eternal,

Bliss supernal;

There is manna -And an endless, glad hosanna.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24

P By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

P Merciful God,

C **I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"**

P Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and

emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul!
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I
therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of
the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 822 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING st. 4

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing:
Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days.

C ***Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation;***

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 22:1–7, 47

¹And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ²He said,

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

³my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold and my refuge,
my savior; you save me from violence.

⁴I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁵“For the waves of death encompassed me,
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁶the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁷“In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I called.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry came to his ears.

⁴⁷“The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be my God, the rock of my
salvation,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MATTHEW 12:33–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the
twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

33 “If you want good fruit, you must make the tree good. If your tree is not good, it will have bad fruit. A tree is known by the kind of fruit it produces. 34 You snakes! You are evil people, so how can you say anything good? The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart. 35 Good people have good things in their hearts, and so they say good things. But evil people have evil in their hearts, so they say evil things. 36 And I tell you that on the Judgment Day people will be responsible for every careless thing they have said. 37 The words you have said will be used to judge you. Some of your words will prove you right, but some of your words will prove you guilty.” Matthew 12:33-37 NCV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 814 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL sts. 1, 3, 5, 4

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Let all within me join

And aid my tongue to bless His name

Whose favors are divine.

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

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SERMON: THE STORY, CHAPTER 11: DAVID, FROM SHEPHERD TO KING

OUR PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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

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.

C **Amen.**

921 ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

- 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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