### TODAY'S FOCUS

Summer 2021 at Gethsemane is a 16-week study of 1 Corinthians we are calling "Eagerly." We move to part 2, "Eager To Talk About Power." The world fights for power and control. God offers a freeing perspective on what real power is.

### + WORSHIP THE LORD! +

### LSB 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME sts. 1–3

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

Who from His altar call:

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Text: Public domain

### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- Psalm 1:5-6
- Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Silence for self-examination.

- P Holy and gracious God,
- I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

### LSB 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME sts. 5-6

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

 Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

Text: Public domain

6

### SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-10

<sup>6</sup> For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup> But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. <sup>10</sup> But

those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction;

he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18—2:5

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble

birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

**2** And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

# **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

### IN CHRIST ALONE

- 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

4 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

Text: © 2001 EMI CMG, admin. EMI CMG © 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing). CCLI License # 1470932. Used by permission: CCLI no. 1470932

MESSAGE: EAGER TO TALK ABOUT POWER (EAGERLY, PART 2)

CREED

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

### **OUR PRAYERS**

### + SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION+

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

C

Matthew 6:9-13

- P As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
  - 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.

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### + COMMUNION HYMN +

## LSB 729 I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS sts. 1-3, 5

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
- I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow, For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
- I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood; Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.
- I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.

  Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

Text: Public domain

### BENEDICTION

- C Amen.

### LSB 809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain
- ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

  Morning by morning new mercies I see;

  All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

  Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

# ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Text: Public domain

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3. Copyright © 2021 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2021 Concordia Publishing House.