

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GETHSEMANE! June 27, 2021

Rev. Randy Ledbetter continues our summer-long teaching series through the 1 Corinthians, "Eagerly." Everything God does is good because He is loving to us and faithful to His own promises. There are great benefits for us in being faithful in response!

+ WORSHIP OUR GLORIOUS GOD! +

LSB 905 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING sts. 1–3

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
 Help us to praise;
 Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign
 over us,
 Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word
 success, And let Thy righteousness
 On us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour!
 Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And
 ne'er from us depart,
 Spirit of pow'r.

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P Confident that God's favor is for a lifetime and that joy comes with the morning, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have turned away from others in my thinking, speaking, and doing. I have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these, my sins. Have mercy on me because of the obedience of Your Son. Forgive all my sins, and by the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P Our Lord left His heavenly riches and became poor so that He could not only cure illness and physical death, but by His death and resurrection offer us forgiveness and the riches of heaven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!

Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry, Your Son, Jesus, was faithful and obedient to your will--even unto death for our sins.

C **By the grace Jesus earned for us, help us be faithful in our loving response to Your call to follow in His ways--to the Glory of Your Name;**

P help us and indeed be glorified, O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ GOD' HOLY WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:19–24 NIV

¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.

²⁰ I well remember them, and my soul is downcast
within me.

²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not
consumed, for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning; great is your
faithfulness.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I
will wait for him."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 4:1–8 NIV

^{4:1} This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants
of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has
revealed. ² Now it is required that those who have been
given a trust must prove faithful. ³ I care very little if I am
judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even
judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not
make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore
judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord
comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and

will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

⁶ Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. ⁷ For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

⁸ Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:45–51 NIV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for

that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE sts. 1–2, 5–6

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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MESSAGE "EAGER TO BE FAITHFUL WITH WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN" (EAGERLY, PART 4)

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Lamentations 3:22–23, 25, 31–32; Psalm 30:7–8, 12; 2 Corinthians 8:2

- P** Your mercies “are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”
- C** Heavenly Father, hear the cries of those who awaken to face another day of injustice, prejudice, and oppression. Give them hope in Your promises.
- P** “The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.”
- C** Give patience and guidance to clergy and lay leaders of the Church that through them the Gospel will move many to seek Christ and His salvation.
- P** “The Lord will not cast off forever, . . . He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love.”
- C** In Your great love, O Lord, give strength and healing to all who are enduring long-term illnesses and difficult treatments. Help medical people and institutions find new ways of alleviating pain and reversing recurring symptoms.

- P** “By Your favor, O LORD, You made my mountain stand strong.”
- C** **Give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, protection to armed forces deployed, and guidance to law enforcement, that peace may break out between nations and our neighborhoods may be places of calm and connected community.**
- P** “To You, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy.” We pray especially for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*]. Heavenly Father,
- C** **grant them health, peace, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**
- P** We long to be those good and faithful servants, Lord Jesus that You find doing the good things You have given us to do when You return as promised.
- C** **Open our eyes and hearts, our time and resources, gracious God, to see where we might share Your blessings and be part of Your answers to the prayers we bring before You.**
- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C** **O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever. Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and

preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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 ✝ 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 763 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;

When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

**ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate

And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

**ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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.

LSB 801 HOW GREAT THOU ART sts. 1, ref, 3–4

1 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; **Refrain**

ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

3 But 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; **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

Refrain

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