

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GETHSEMANE! September 26, 2021

TODAY'S FOCUS

We can know many things--how to change a flat, convert miles to kilometers and even how many chapters there are in the Bible (Google it and you find it's 1,189). In our age of information overload, perhaps now more than ever it is important to know what is **MOST IMPORTANT**. God (not Google) has *that* answer and He want us to know it, too!

+ COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH THANKSGIVING IN YOUR HEART! +

LSB 818 IN THEE IS GLADNESS

1 In Thee is gladness; Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

 By Thee are given; The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.

 Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
 Who trusts Thee surely; Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!

 Our hearts are pining; To see Thy shining,
 Dying or living; To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and blesses; In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story; Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him; And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 104:33–34

P I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

P May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

C **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

LSB 816 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES st. 1

1 From all that dwell below the skies; Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung; Through ev'ry land by ev'ry
tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION (James 5:7, 9, 12, 14, 16; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b)

P We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

P James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."

C **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

P God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." 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 **Amen.**

P May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C **may the LORD rejoice in His works.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

LSB 816 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES st. 2

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore; Till suns shall rise
and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully
direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit

C **that we may complete the works You have prepared
for us to do;**

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.**

+ GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 16 NIV

- ¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."
- ³ I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- ⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.
- ⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- ⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
- ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
- ¹¹ **You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:7–16 NIV

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1–12 NIV

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

^{14:1} [Jesus said] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY: KNOWING YOU

1 All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this. **REFRAIN**

REF Knowing You Jesus knowing You

**There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord love You Lord.**

2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness. **REFRAIN**

3 Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die. **REFRAIN**

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MESSAGE

One Thing I Know

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ 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.**

OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

LORD'S 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.

THE 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.”

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

AMAZING LOVE

Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.

1 [Soloist] My Lord what love is this; That pays so dearly
That I the guilty one, May go free. **REFRAIN**

Ref [Congregation]

**Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live**

2 [Soloist] And so they watched Him die; Despised rejected
But oh the blood He shed Flowed for me. **REFRAIN**

Ref [Congregation]

**Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live**

3 [Soloist] And now this love of Christ; Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away, Live again! **REFRAIN**

Ref [Congregation]

**Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live**

REPEAT REFRAIN

**That I might live
That I might live**

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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 411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

ref In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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