

August 24, 2025

After Pentecost, Lect. 21, Yr. C



Summer is a transient time and we won't all be together in these coming weeks, but we will remain united in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, who moves more freely than we can imagine! This Summer in worship, we will share a Journey together with Jesus and his disciples. Each week, we will join in a shared activity for reflection. Contemplative music will play following the sermon to give space to reflect and participate. Blessed be the Journey, and may Christ be with us always!

Ring of Bell

PRELUDE *Blessed Be Your Name*
Ten Thousand Reasons

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our
own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and
peace, but we turn away from the abundant
life you offer. You surround us with patience,
kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary
In doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive
us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our
bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are
God's children through faith. In the cross of
☩ Christ, and through the power of the
Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN *10,000 Reasons* ACS 1097

with piano — see song sheet for music

REFRAIN Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

- 1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Refrain*
- 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Refrain*
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as
fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we
cannot by ourselves stand upright.

C: Give us strength of mind and body, so that
even when we suffer because of human sin, we
may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:9B-14

Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the
pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you
offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs
of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the
darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy
your needs in parched places and make your bones
strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like
a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹²Your
ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the
foundations of many generations; you shall be called
the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to
live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if
you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of
the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your
own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing
your own affairs;¹⁴ then you shall take delight in
the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights
of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your
ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 103:1-8 We read responsively

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all
God's benefits—**
- ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your
diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and
crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy;**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-29 THE MESSAGE

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

Unlike your ancestors, you didn't come to Mount Sinai—all that volcanic blaze and earthshaking rumble—to hear God speak. The earsplitting words and soul-shaking message terrified them and they begged him to stop. When they heard the words—"If an animal touches the Mountain, it's as good as dead"—they were afraid to move. Even Moses was terrified.

No, that's not *your* experience at all. You've come to Mount Zion, the city where the living God resides. The invisible Jerusalem is populated by throngs of festive angels and Christian citizens. It is the city where God is Judge, with judgments that make us just. You've come to Jesus, who presents us with a new covenant, a fresh charter from God. He is the Mediator of this covenant. The murder of Jesus, unlike Abel's—a homicide that cried out for vengeance—became a proclamation of grace.

So don't turn a deaf ear to these gracious words. If those who ignored earthly warnings didn't get away with it, what will happen to us if we turn our backs on heavenly warnings? His voice that time shook the earth to its foundations; this time—he's told us this quite plainly—he'll also rock the heavens: "One last shaking, from top to bottom, stem to stern." The phrase "one last shaking" means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered.

Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander. He's actively cleaning house, torching all

that needs to burn, and he won't quit until it's all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17 Women's Lectionary
C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And suddenly there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity that for eighteen years had crippled her; she was bent over and was not able to stand up completely. Now when Jesus saw her, he called out and said, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he laid his hands on her and immediately she stood up straight and began glorifying God. But the leader of the synagogue, being indignant because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had cured, said to the crowd of women, men and children, "There are six days on which one ought work; so come on those days and be healed and not on the Sabbath." But the Messiah answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Each of you, do you not on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the manger and lead it to drink? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham [and Sarah] whom Satan bound—Look!--for eighteen long years, ought she not be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When Jesus said this, all those who opposed him were put to shame and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things being done by him.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION: QSTN: What does
Jesus' gift of healing & freedom mean to you?

★ Take this time to journal or contribute to our shared art piece by writing a brief phrase on a piece of fabric and tying it to the chicken wire display in the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN OF THE DAY Beautiful Things ACS 925
GUITAR

- 1 **All this pain; I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all.**
- 2 **All this earth; could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?**

CHORUS **You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

- 3 **All around, hope is springing up from this old
ground. Out of chaos, life is being found in you.**

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CHORUS **You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.**
(REPEAT CHORUS)

BRIDGE **You make me new, you are making me new.
You make me new, you are making me new.**

CHORUS & REPEAT (as above)

TAG **You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.**

◆ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING
Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
C: Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

*The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.*

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

Praise My Soul the God of Heaven No. 864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

2 God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress. God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!

4 Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

C: Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand No. 441

1 Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the heav'nly throng; and sing with hosts from ev'ry land the new celestial song, the new celestial song.

2 Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself as Lord, and thousands meet in their new home which Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared.

3 Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and love and peace will roll down over us with good and blessedness and grace, and blessedness and grace.

4 O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has made us free to stand among the saints and sing the glory that we see, the glory that we see.

Ringin' of Bell

> Dismissal >

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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COFFEE—Lerfalds
TECH CREW—Heidi Haugen, Steve Johnson, Holly Aldorfer, Jack Aronson, Luke Cordes.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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CALENDAR

Su 8-24	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee 10:15 Men's Ministry
We 8-27	6 PM Back Pack Blessing, Pizza & Pickle Ball
Th 8-28	1 PM LOVE DAY 7 PM AA
Sa 8-30	2 PM <i>Ken Wold Memorial Service</i>
Su 8-31	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee 2 PM <i>Karl Haugen Memorial Service</i>



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27 – 6 PM
BACK PACK BLESSING - PIZZA -&- PICKLEBALL



SUN SEPT 7 - RALLY SUNDAY
RISE & SHINE OUTDOOR BRUNCH,
GAMES, PICKLEBALL



SUN SEPT 14 – HOLY CROSS DAY
CRADLE ROLL, 3RD GRADE BIBLES ,
7TH GRADE BIBLES



SUN SEPT 14 - 10 am - Forum
Tharan Leopold, Regional Gift Planner
with ELCA Foundation, will be here to visit
& share information on legacy gifts.
SEE HAND-OUT SHEET on Entry Tables.



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Now to September 26 - Seeking
donation items for SEMN SWO LOVE
OFFERING: *Paper Towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, mop, laundry soap, sponge, multipurpose cleaners, cleaning products, antibacterial wipes, hair brush/ties, textured hair products, shampoo, conditioner, hygiene products.* Collection boxes are in the narthex, and entryway doors of the Ed Wing.

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