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As We Gather Hope in the Harvest

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

HYMN “Here Us, Father, When We Pray” #773

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: **all you who wait for the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

People: **for He who promised is faithful.**

Pastor: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

People: **My hope is in You.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 130:5

Pastor: Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

People: **“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**

Pastor: Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now
Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

People: **“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**

Pastor: We bear responsibility for the suffering around us, filling the
world with evil and failing to do the good we ought.

People: **“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**

Pastor: Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with
longing for the world to be made right.

People: **“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**

Pastor: Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.

People: **“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.”**

Pastor: Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God
found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and
for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: **Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

INTROIT

♪ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

KYRIE

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♪ Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 44:6-8

(The unrivaled Lord reinforces His power, peace, and purpose for His people.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 8:18-27

(Creation groans in hope for the glory yet to be revealed.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA

♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(Jesus shares and interprets His story of harvest and final judgment)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#892

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. A-men.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all marriages, purposed as an illustration of Christ's sacrifice and faithfulness, that couples would be safeguarded from temptation and their love increased despite distance or difficulty, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those in the grips of anxiety or depression, slaves to debt or poverty, or suffering from loss or loneliness, that the fullness of Christ would meet all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who suffer physically, especially those among us: Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta; that healing would find them and their hope in Christ would never waver, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who serve our communities, often in thankless roles of repairing our roads, keeping records, providing for the poor, and administering justice. We pray especially for our Food Pantry, all who volunteer and all who are served there, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Ever-speaking Spirit, flood our hearts with gratitude, that our thoughts, words, and actions would overflow with thankfulness for a God who sets His people free and seals them in hope. Bring us near to Your glory, that given a glimpse of our God's surpassing grace, we might live to declare His name and the redemption won for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: ♪ A---men.

AGNUS DEI

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, O Christ Thou Lamb of
God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
A---men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to
Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has
prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed
us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your
mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward
You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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.
People: 🎵 **Amen, amen, a--men.**

HYMN "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" #663

POSTLUDE

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 23 Total: 2 guests

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, July 26th is **"Worth the Wait"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship. Matthew 13:44 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.