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AS WE GATHER

They Shall Be Mine

There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

PRELUDE *“Prelude on ‘Kirken’” (Built on the Rock), arranged by David Lasky*
WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Built on the Rock” #645

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 118:24; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1*

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

People: **and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

Pastor: Now thus says the Lord, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: **I have called you by name, you are Mine.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Colossians 1:13–14*

Pastor: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Almighty God and King,

People: we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and always. Amen.

Pastor: On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM OF THE DAY *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: ♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.

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. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ For He is our maker.

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: **Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of
Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we,
being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at
last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:13-18

(The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring “they shall be Mine.”)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:13-20

(By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Luke 23:43

Alleluia, alleluia! Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:27-43

(Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King” #905

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

“Andante Con Moto” by William Vincent Wallace, arranged by Lani Smith

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own” #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As those delivered to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confidently approach His throne of grace with our prayers and intercessions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: King of all creation, the whole earth is full of Your glory, and we are awed by Your creative majesty. Deepen our appreciation of Your care and keeping and dedicate us as faithful stewards of Your earthly gifts. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: **love us and lead us, O King.**

Pastor: King of love, You devote Yourself to Your people and never fail to keep Your commitments. Bless those who have committed themselves to one another in Christian marriage that their relationships might be reflections of Your heart. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: **touch us and teach us, O King.**

Pastor: King of kindness and grace, who attends to our hurts of body and soul, show compassion to all who are facing sorrow, sickness, or adversity, embracing them in Your tender care, especially Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan and Ian. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: hear us and heal us, O King.

Pastor: King of Your church, You uphold all those who serve in Your name. Grant holy satisfaction to those who volunteer their time and offer their gifts to our congregation. Raise up others to serve and prevent us from stealing Your glory for ourselves. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: prepare us and protect us, O King.

Pastor: King of justice, You rule Your world with wisdom and faithfulness. Give those chosen as our earthly authorities patience, perspective, and a heart that pursues Your will, that we might be led into peaceable prosperity. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: defend us and direct us, O King.

Pastor: King of all kings, You have authority over all things. Allow us to see Your authority as a blessing, that we might recognize Your preeminence in our lives and rest in Your merciful rule, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless 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.

HYMN "Lift High the Cross" #837

POSTLUDE *"Now Thank We All Our God" arranged by Lloyd Larson*

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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. Please 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: Pr. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, November 30th is **"Rise and Shine"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:11)
Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.