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AS WE GATHER

He Will Return to Us

Today we focus on God's great love, coming to us with grace and mercy, even as He did not give up on His chosen Old Testament people. His invitation to them reminds us of the resurrection of our Lord, our hope for all eternity. He asks only the faith He has given us, faith received by our ancestor Abraham in his old age and trusted for all that God promised. God has returned to us, and the promise is for everyone! And now our Lord sends us out, accompanying us on our journey. We go not to faultless people but sinners whom God wants to forgive as we announce the gracious Gospel to them.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

BIRTHDAY BLESSING 6/13 Rich Saeger

♪Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "All Who Believe and Are Baptized" #601

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark, our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."
Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe 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?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you 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?

People: Yes, I believe.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our

Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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** ☩

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.

People: Christ, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *pew hymnal 204*

♪ **To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing;
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-be-gotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins a-way.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in Pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever; Be worshipped and adored.
You with the Holy Spirit; A-lone are Lord Most High;
In God the Father's glory; "A-men"! our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, grant repentance and true faith to all who have gone astray, and grant us opportunities to share the faith bestowed on us to lead them back, joining us to praise Your holy name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 5:15-6:6

(God promises to go to His people.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Romans 4:13-25

(We are saved by the faith given to us, not our own designs.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Matthew 9:13b

Pastor: Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous,

People: **but sinners. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13

(Jesus accepts people who know they are sinners, but He opposes those who are proud.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th 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 NICENE CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

#689

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God has worked faith in our hearts. Let us pray, therefore, for ourselves and people throughout the world, that we may share with them the joy we have in Christ.

For the church—all who call out to God as their Father, including those working in foreign countries and all who witness to Christ in their personal lives—that the Holy Spirit assure them of their mission, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who serve as leaders in government, that they may be given wisdom and knowledge; for all who teach and learn, that they find places among us to serve the common good; and for all who write and publish, that they work with courage and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who tend flocks and raise crops, who distribute goods and sell to those who have need, and all the commerce of our land and others, that the poor be fed and clothed, and all give thanks to the almighty God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the parents of our congregation and all who teach the next generation, that they instruct the young in the love and mercy of God; for single adults, that they find fulfillment in their service to us all; and for those of us gathered here, that we may all witness to God's expansive love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We lift up those struggling with sickness or grief, especially Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta, and ask that Your hand would lead them to hope and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

pew hymnal #208

♪ **Ho-ly; ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name
Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord our God, for by uniting us in the Body of Christ, You give us confidence that eternal life is ours despite our faults and failings. With Abraham we share the faith that all Your promises are sure. And we pray that in the strength we receive through this Sacrament, we shall follow our Savior with our sins forgiven and eternal salvation given through His body and blood.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

AGNUS DEI *pew hymnal #210*

♪ **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS *pew hymnal #211*

♪ **O Lord, now let Your servant, depart in heav'nly peace.
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill;
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have not left us alone, but in this Sacrament given us the pardon and peace we need.

People: Grant that, strengthened thereby, we may serve You in steadfast love, knowing that our Savior has won all pardon and peace for us;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

BENEDICTION

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 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #803

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. 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: Rev. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

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

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 11 total

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, June 14th is "**Journey Through Anxiety**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Anxiety is like a "Check Engine" light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer. Matthew 6:25 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.