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AS WE GATHER

In the Shadow of His Wings

When the shadow of a bird in flight comes near to us, we don't help the bird fly, but we do indeed marvel at how effortless it seems. God in the Old Testament Reading uses the wings of an eagle to teach the Israelites how He rescued them from Egypt. Of what greater magnitude it was for Jesus, crucified and buried with our sins! And He rescued us without our lifting a finger! Now, in the Gospel, He sends us out with that Good News to all who will listen that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). Again, most assuredly, we have done nothing, yet "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

BIRTHDAY BLESSING 6/14 Jim Dunn; 6/17 Dana Buchholz

♪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 “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” #908

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 *Exodus 19:5; Romans 5:11; Matthew 9:38*

Pastor: You shall be My treasured possession among all peoples,

People: **for all the earth is Mine.**

Pastor: We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Pastor: Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest

People: **to send out laborers into His harvest.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come into God's presence in humility and confession.

People: Heavenly Father, who rescued Your people from Egypt,
rescue us from our sins in thought, word, and deed.
Forgive us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, who gave Yourself into death that we might have life,

People: **we confess that we deserve that death You willingly took for us. Forgive us.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who wants all people to be saved,
People: **we are by nature sinful and in need of Your gracious love.
Forgive us.**

Pastor: May forgiveness and joy fill your hearts, willing obedience guide your steps, and may the Gospel be proclaimed as you live out each day. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

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.
Heavenly Father, Your love and mercy abound with blessings to us daily.

People: Grant us constant faith and willing hearts to acknowledge Your presence in what we say and do each day;

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

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 19:2-8
(God did everything to free His people from slavery.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 5:6–15 *(The one man's death means life for many.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE *Matthew 9:37b-38*

Pastor: Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

People: therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:35-10:8 *(The disciples are sent out as apostles.)*

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

Please be seated.

HYMN "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" #834

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

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: Let us pray for all people, ourselves, and the church around the world.

For the church, that the Word be not bound but have free course and be preached to our edifying and to all whom God directs us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all who hear the Word, that God give them open hearts and minds so that they may be accused and also excused, and thereby be ready to proclaim the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our nation and the governments of the world that God would guide them to defend liberty using His gifts, and distribute food, clothing, and shelter for the good of all in need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all who are at war, that God would move their leaders to seek paths that lead to peace; for all who work in dangerous positions, that God would protect them; and for all who tend the sick, that God would enable them to find ways toward healing, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who sow and those who reap, those who distribute and those who sell, those who produce and market, that God would enable them to see the fruits of their labors in the lives of those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For ourselves, that God move us to speak the Gospel, reflect it with our living, and search out people who have yet to hear the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: That God would grant us willing attitudes, caring thoughts, and compassionate hearts to be instruments of His love and concern, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Give us strength, courage, and protection as we use all we are and have to bring the Gospel to those who have yet to hear it.**

Pastor: In Jesus' name, we pray.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" #590

POSTLUDE

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
Dan Henggeler, Organist

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

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 19 total: 2 guests

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, June 21st is "**Journey Through Depression**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Depression can feel like being "stuck," but we are never truly alone. God meets us with His care and provision. 1 Kings 19:7 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.