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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR WORSHIP – AUGUST 23, 2020



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“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Opening Song in The Spirit “Blessed Be Your Name”

Redman

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.**

**Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,**

**“Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.”
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Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.”**

Litany Trusting The Faithful Spirit & Breath of God, based on Psalm 66

Pastor: Today, we trust anew, and like Peter, we boldly announce Jesus is the Son of the living God; blessed be the name of the One who blesses us with every gentle breeze of grace, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: People of God: God’s commitment in Christ is firm. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have not stood firm on the Rock, proclaiming Jesus, as the Son of the living God. (*silence for reflection*) Friends in Christ, feel the gentle breeze and build on this rock solid truth in God’s grace: Jesus saves, Jesus forgives you all your sins. When we say, “O Lord, I pray, save my life,” trust the Lord is gracious and merciful; for The Spirit comes to us, and purifies our hearts!

Prayer of the Day

All: Loving God, like your disciples long ago, we can question how solid our faith is, how to build on our devotion to make you and our neighbors first. Keep coming to us. Keep sending your Spirit to us. Keep revealing to us, what flesh and blood cannot. By the gentle breeze of your grace, renew our pneuma, and give us a rock solid faith. Help us stand firm, to trust you alone as the Rock of our salvation. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

(all read bold print)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, **“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”** And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! **For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. (New Revised Standard Version)

“Jesus Loves Me” & Children’s Sermon

Sermon

“Time For A Lesson In Geology!”

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Rock Solid Faith & Grace “Be Thou My Vision”

- vs. 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- vs. 2 **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r,
Raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.**
- vs. 4 **Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. *(repeat vs. 1)***

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

All: Let us feel the breath of your Spirit and grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

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, as you feel the gentle breeze of The Spirit and God's saving grace. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, blessed to be God's people and God's Church, together serving The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew in Light & Grace "One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)" *Johnson*

**vs. 1 Higher than the mountains that I face.
Stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains, one thing remains.**

**ref: Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me. Your love.**

**vs. 2 On and on and on and on it goes.
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never, ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains, one thing remains. (*refrain*)**

Songs During Holy Communion “Purify My Heart”

**Purify my heart, Touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me;
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart; Purify my heart. *(repeat)***

“We Believe”

**We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again.

Let the lost be found, and the dead be raised,
In the here and now, let love invade.
Let the Church live loud! Our God will save.**

**We believe! We believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the pow’r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe! We believe!**

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He’s coming back again. He’s coming back again.
We believe! We believe!**

***Join us next Sunday, August 30, The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost,
“Don’t Get In My Way ... Trust Anew, Every Gentle Breeze!”
Worship to include a Children’s Message and Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!***

***Join us as we plan to share worship outdoors,
Sundays, 9:30 a.m., through September 6th, Labor Day weekend, weather permitting!***

Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be brought to you following the closing song, as we share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you! Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving! Offering is collected in small apple baskets by parking lot volunteers as you exit the parking lot. For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the Signup Genius links in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!

For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive through communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance. Watch your email and our Facebook page for updates regarding our outdoor services.

We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you, reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed in any way to receive this bulletin and the sermon notes that follow, please forward this to them.

In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!

From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days, days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet, still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you! Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church, as together we make known and we trust anew God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gentle breeze of God's grace!

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“TIME FOR A LESSON IN GEOLOGY” - AUGUST 23, 2020
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ISAIAH 51:1-6; ROMANS 12:1-8; MATTHEW 16:13-20
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

How much do you know about rocks? Yes, they are hard; but what else? People collect them; for many reason! Rocks can slide and rocks can fall; so you better watch out! People climb them; some for sport, some for personal reasons. Rocks are hard to alter or break. To be rock steady, to be rock solid, is something we long for. If you want to learn more about rocks it might be helpful to take a lesson in geology. What is geology? Not just the study of rocks, but the study of the earth and creation, as recorded in the rocks, in the formation of the rocks. Today we hear again words of a personal faith confession as Jesus asks the disciples who they say he is, and Peter replies, “You are The Messiah, The Son of The Living God.” Jesus announces, ‘Upon this rock I will build my church.’ Upon what rock, Peter or Peter’s faithful confession? As we study a few rocks, our own faith, who we say Christ is, trust God graces us, renews our pneuma, our spirit and soul, to count on us, build on us, and our rock solid faith. Feel the gentle breeze of The Rock of our salvation, collect and treasure it all, fall and slide along the way only to get up and climb some more, all the while trusting The Holy Spirit’s gift of faith to forever be rock solid!

1. What do you know about rocks? Can you tell one from another? How do you know when you have found one that is special? Feel the gentle breeze of God’s grace to keep your faith rock solid!
 - A. Identifying rocks is not easy. Some people though know exactly what they are looking for. Matthew 16:13-15
 - i. Is the rock in this story, Peter?
 - ii. Is the rock in this story Peter’s confession, Peter’s faith, which flesh and blood have not revealed, which has been made known by our Father in heaven?
 - iii. Is the rock in this story, Jesus, The Messiah?
 - B. To have a rock solid, rock steady, faith is a gift. Jesus knows what a find Peter’s confession is! This is indeed a precious stone, a priceless gem!
Isaiah 51:1-2; Romans 12:2; Matthew 16:15-18
 - i. The formation of devotion and discipleship are recorded in the layers of faith developing over time.
 - ii. Every day as we answer who The Christ is for us, we see our faith go to another level, get more and more rock solid, as we trust The One True Rock!

2. One rocky caution and one rock steady invitation. Believe anew The Spirit will keep you rock solid! Romans 12:4-8; Matthew 16:13-15,19
 - A. When needed, we must be cautious; we can experience rocks falling and rock slides. At times, our faith can feel like it is slipping, like our desire to make God first is falling. It didn't take long for Peter to fall, it doesn't take long for us either.
 - B. Rock climbing can be adventurous, risky, rewarding, powerful. Give it a try. What is the worst that can happen? That you will have to try again? That someone will have to tell you where to step or grab next? That someone will catch you?

3. One final lesson for today: The most solid gift of grace, given to us by the Holy Spirit, in the name of The Messiah, The Son of The Living God, is this: We have been altered, we have been changed, by The Rock! Thanks to the gentle breeze of The Holy Spirit, our pneuma, our spirit, and our soul, are renewed; our faith is rock solid and rock steady because we have been hewn, shaped in and shaped by God's grace for us in Jesus Christ: The Messiah, The Son of The Living God, The Rock of our salvation!
Isaiah 51:1,6; Romans 12:2; Matthew 16:16-17