



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
INDOOR WORSHIP – OCTOBER 4, 2020



LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Opening Song Gathering in Spirit & Grace “Holy Spirit”

Torwalt

(Worship leaders only on all songs.)

There’s nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You’re our living hope.
Your Presence, Lord.

I’ve tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
In Your Presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord.

bridge: Let us become more aware of Your Presence;
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. *(repeat bridge 3x)*

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Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord.

Litany Trusting God’s Signs of Love, written, based on Psalm 145

Pastor: Today, we celebrate and give thanks, the Holy Spirit is so welcome here, bearing fruit in every sign of God’s love and 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: The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to bear fruit, to love the Lord our God, and our neighbor as ourself. *(silence for reflection)* Friends in Christ: Receive the signs of love and God’s grace in these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. The Lord is so good to one and all! Receive God’s every blessing! Go, bear fruit! The Holy Spirit is here, making us new once again!

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and loving God, we thank you and praise you, for all good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. By your Spirit and grace, reveal to us once again, the countless signs of your love. Increase our faith to see more clearly, you are The One who owns the vineyard; you are The One who stirs us up to bear fruit, to give glory to you alone. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

(all read bold print)

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "**Have you never read the scriptures:** 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? **Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.** The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. (New Revised Standard Version)

"Jesus Loves Me" & Children's Sermon

Sermon

"Signs of Love . . . Bearing Fruit!"

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song Anew In Calling & Grace "I Love To Tell The Story"

LBW #390

(Worship leaders only on all songs.)

- vs. 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
- ref: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory,
And tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.
- vs. 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best,
Seem hungering and thirsting, to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story, that I have loved so long. *(refrain)*

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

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

All: We trust anew in your signs of love 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, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 trust anew every sign of God's love, in the grace of Jesus Christ. 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 Spirit & Grace "Everywhere I Go"

Timmons

(Worship leaders only on all songs.)

ref: Ev'rywhere I go, On this road high and low
 Where I go, I go with You.
 So I won't be afraid, This is my hope, come what may
 Where I go I go with You. Where I go I go with You.

vs. 1 There's a city that calls me by name
 There's a city that calls me by name
 Yes as I run this race I am cheered by the saints
 There's a city that calls me by name

vs. 2 There's a future that runs through my veins
 There's a future that runs through my veins
 And there's nothing on earth That can stand in the way
 There's a future that runs through my veins *(refrain)*

bridge: Your breath upon these bones Your fire in my soul
Your Kingdom is my home, And I don't walk alone.

Ev'rywhere I go, On this road high and low
Where I go, I go with You.
So I won't be afraid, This is my hope, come what may
Where I go I go with You.

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Where I go, I go with You.
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Song During Holy Communion "Canticle of the Turning" Cooney, Donohoo, Daigle

(Worship leaders only on all songs.)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
 that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
 and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
 Could the world be about to turn?

ref: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
 Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
 to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
 and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
 for the world is about to turn. *(refrain)*

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
 not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
 for the world is about to turn. *(refrain)*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
 we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
 is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
 who is turning the world around. *(refrain)*

***Join us next Sunday, October 11, as we continue indoor worship!
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, "Signs of Love ... Answering the Invitation!"
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!***

***As we begin indoor worship once again, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!***

You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!

***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 offered to you
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, 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 baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.

***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 to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these 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 sign of God's love and grace!***

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“SIGNS OF LOVE BEARING FRUIT!”
OCTOBER 4, 2020 – INDOOR WORSHIP
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ISAIAH 5:1-7; PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14; MATTHEW 21:33-46
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

How do you best bear fruit? How do you make a difference, by God’s grace, to honor all the Landowner has entrusted to you? Have you ever been honored to care for something really important? What was it? How did that feel, to have someone give you something important to care for that they one day wanted back? When we honor someone by caring for something important that belongs to them; this can feel amazing and freeing. Sure we like it when people honor us. We like when the things we own are taken care of by others; and yet, perhaps we struggle with doing likewise. Today in our reading from Matthew, the landowner has entrusted tenants to bear fruit, to care for what has been leased to them and put into their care. Today as the people of God at Lord of Life, we begin a new journey to see the “signs of love” the landowner has leased to us; all the landowner has entrusted to us, put into our care, to bear fruit. Like some of the tenants, it is easy to think it belongs to us. May now be God’s time for us to trust all entrusted to us, to trust we are entrusted to bear fruit thanks to God’s faithfulness. May we forever love, because God first loved us. Indeed the landowner has entrusted us with countless signs of love, and by grace alone, we will be faithful!

1. For us to be a sign of love, to bear fruit, to honor someone, to care for something of great value for someone else; to care for what is in our care; for us to love The Lord with all our heart and our neighbor as our self may not always be easy. Living in grace requires humility, to honor what has been given to us, to trust we are entrusted, by the Landowner! Philipians 3:4b-8; Matthew 21:33-41, 46
 - A. It is easier for now to be the time for us to honor self.
 - B. It is easier for now to be the time for us to honor security.
 - C. It is easier for now to be the time for us to honor safety.

2. With God’s help, by the grace of the Landowner, now is the time for us to be a sign of love, to bear fruit, to trust we have been entrusted with so many signs of love, to proclaim now is the time to honor Who entrusted us with all good things, to love the Lord and our neighbor as our self. Indeed, now is the time to faithfully bear fruit, to honor the Landowner! Philipians 3:9-10; Matthew 21:41-43
 - A. The Landowner blesses us and surrounds us with faithful tenants to help us each become signs of love, faithful tenants.
 - B. The Landowner believes in us, trusts us, entrusts us, bears fruit within us, by putting priceless signs of love in our care.

3. As we press on, the Lord reveals again the vineyard before us. Let this be God's time to bear fruit within us once again, to entrust to us signs of love, to trust we best honor the Landowner as we faithfully believe and celebrate!
Philippians 3:12-13; Matthew 21:33,41-43
 - A. We love the Lord and our neighbor as our self, trusting God first loved us! We bear fruit, we care for and serve and honor all in our care, trusting God first saved us! God alone is The Sign of love; we are His treasured signs of love!
 - B. May we trust by God's grace, our God continues to bear fruit within us, signs of true love, trusting The Holy Spirit will keep us faithful tenants and help us make God first now, for The Landowner has chosen each of us, bearing fruit in us, believing in us first! Philippians 3:12-13; Matthew 21:33,41-43