



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*CELEBRATING AND SHARING
A NEW BEGINNING
IN GOD'S GRACE ALONE!*

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



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

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“CELEBRATING A NEW BEGINNING IN THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST!”



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outdoor Worship

September 20, 2020

Opening Song Gathering in Joy & Grace “Awake My Soul”

Tomlin

ref: **Awake, awake, awake my soul.**
God, resurrect these bones
From death to life for You alone.
Awake my soul.

vs. 1 **Breathe on me, breath of God, breathe on me.**
Breathe on me, breath of God, breathe on me.
I come alive; I’m alive when You breathe on me.
I come alive; I’m alive when You breathe on me. (*refrain twice*)

Litany Trusting God’s Faithfulness In A New Beginning, based on Psalm 111

Pastor: Friends, today our souls are awakened, as we receive more than we ever expected, thanks to a new beginning in God’s 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 full of honor and majesty. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we fail to trust Jesus graces us with more than we ever expected. (*silence for reflection*) Friends in Christ, today receive a new beginning in the grace of these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. God awakes our souls with more than we ever expected in power and hope, grace and mercy. Be still, my friends, the holy One is here, making us new, once again!

Prayer of the Day

All: Loving God, today we confess, so much gets in our way of making you and our neighbors first. By your Holy Spirit, grant us a new beginning, reveal and make known to us all you and your grace provide are more than we ever expected. Awake our souls once again, to hold fast to you and your daily miracles, that we would believe anew, there is so much more still to come. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

(all read bold print)

*Jesus said, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. **Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?**’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (New Revised Standard Version)*

“Jesus Loves Me” & Children’s Sermon

Sermon “A New Beginning; More Than We Ever Expected!” Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song Anew In Grace “Be Still”

Evans

- vs. 1 **Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**
- vs. 3 **Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

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

All: Give us a new beginning in your power and hope 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 each new beginning 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 Light & Grace "All The People Said Amen"

Maher

**You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.**

**And all the people said, "Amen."
Oh, and all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

**And all the people said, "Amen."
Oh, and all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."**

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Songs During Holy Communion “Reckless Love”

C. Asbury

vs. 1: **Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me**

ref: **Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
Love of God
Oh, it chases me down fights ‘til I’m found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn’t earn it, and I don’t deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
Love of God, yeah**

vs. 2: **When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me *(refrain)***

bridge: **There’s no shadow You won’t light up
Mountain You won’t climb up
Coming after me
There’s no wall You won’t kick down
Lie You won’t tear down
Coming after me *(repeat, then refrain)***

“All Who Are Thirsty”

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow
Be wash’d away in the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep. We sing:**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. *(repeat entire song)***

***Join us next Sunday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.,
weather permitting, for our final week of outdoor worship!
The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, “A New Beginning In Wisdom Every Day!”
Worship to include a Children’s Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!***

***We are finalizing plans to be ready to worship indoors beginning Sunday, October 4!
We are seeking volunteers to assist with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!***

***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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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 – OUTDOOR WORSHIP
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JONAH 3:10-4:11; PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30; MATTHEW 20:1-16
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

We would love something, for nothing - but that is not expected, and rarely the case. We would like to have more than we do have, more than those who we think do less - and that is human. But how much more do we really want? Do we really want more fairness? As we share today in the parable of the laborers, we are reminded that our blessings in Christ, that our very salvation, are not dependent on when we hear the good news of Jesus Christ, or what we do in the field. Thanks be to God, our new beginning in grace does not take much, as God gives as God chooses, to who God chooses, when God chooses. Our new beginning in God’s grace is not based on fairness. In a world that often tempts us to wonder how much more we want, in Christ, we trust the blessings we receive now are more than sufficient, more than expected; and the gifts of the kingdom still to come, will truly be more than we ever dreamed!

1. How much more fairness do we really want, as we receive more than expected, thanks to a new beginning in God’s grace? Jonah 4:9-11; Matthew 20:8-15
 - A. We would like life to be fair.
 - B. Jesus' parable does not sound very fair, and that troubles us.
 - C. Jesus' parable does not sound fair, and that is what saves us, giving us far more than expected, thanks to a new beginning in God’s grace!

2. How much more clear do you want Jesus to be, as he gives you more than expected, thanks to a new beginning in God’s grace? Jonah 4:1-2; Philippians 1:21,27; Matthew 20:1-7,14
 - A. We like it when things are clearly explained to us.
 - B. How much more clear can Jesus be about all we are to do, as we hear his invitation and call?
 - C. How much more clear can Jesus be about what we are promised, of all that is more than expected, thanks to this new beginning in grace?

3. How much more grace do you want from Jesus? Jonah 3:10; Matthew 20:8,15
 - A. How much more forgiveness do you want, to help you trust this new beginning?

B. How much more eternal life do you want, to help you trust we have no way to expect or to fully know all that awaits us, thanks to this new beginning that will last forever?

4. It is only human for us to want a little more from time to time – a little more recognition, a little more control; and yet even we, do not expect something for nothing. Today we give thanks it does not take much of God's love to give us more than something, to give us everything, to give us what we do not deserve, to give us more than we ever expected or dreamed: A brand new beginning in God's daily, saving grace!