THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Lutheran Church
Elk River, MN

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am—September 20, 2020

+ CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION +

OPENING SONG: "This is Amazing Grace"

Verse 1
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus
This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3
Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings **[Repeat Chorus]**

Bridge
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy **[Repeat Chorus]**

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INVOCATION, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG: "Who Am I"

Verse 1
Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus
Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus
I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

Verse 2
Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me **[Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus]**

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all my sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this. I want to do better and ask for grace because of Jesus Christ and His death. Amen.**

A **Absolution spoken by Pastor**

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:6-9

6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the
wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the
LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher
than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 27:1-9

A The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C **When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

A Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

C **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

A For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

C **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

A Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C **You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Ⓐ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to
advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard
and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers,
having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to
speak the word without fear.

19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will
turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at
all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my
body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I
am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I
cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your
account.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your
progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in
Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come
and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit,
with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in
anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your
salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ
you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same
conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Ⓐ This is the Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the
morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a
denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he
saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the
vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.'

[5] So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.
[6] And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' [8] And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9] And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.
[11] And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12] 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.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16] So the last will be first, and the first last."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

SONG OF THE DAY: "Whom Shall I Fear?"

Verse 1
You hear me when I call.
You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night,
It cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield,
Though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus
I know Who goes before me,
I know Who stands behind:
The God of angel armies is always by my side!
The One Who reigns forever,
He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

Verse 2
My strength is in Your name,
For You alone can save.
You will deliver me.
Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear? **[Repeat Chorus]**

Bridge 1
And nothing formed against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises:
You are faithful, You are faithful.

Bridge 2
And nothing formed against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises:
You are faithful, You are faithful, You are faithful. **[Repeat Chorus]**

Tag
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

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SERMON

OFFERING

(If you wish to leave an offering, please feel free to put in the offering plate at the usher's table)

Matthew 6:25 – "(Jesus said), 'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.' " Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

PRAYERS (each petition concludes with):

A Let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "I Will Boast"

Verse
Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom
Or the strong man boast in his strength
Let not the rich man boast in his riches
But let the humble come and give thanks
To the One Who made us
The One Who saved us

Chorus 1
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
He's worthy **[Repeat Verse]**

Chorus 2
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the one Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy **[Repeat Chorus 1]**

Bridge
I will make my boast in Christ alone
I will make my boast in Christ alone
I will make my boast in Christ alone
I will make my boast in Christ alone

Chorus 2
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the one Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy

Ending
He's worthy He's worthy

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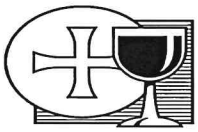

(As you will be departing the Sanctuary after you receive the Sacrament, please remember to bring all your belongings with you)

WORDS of INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION PARTICIPATION

(Gluten free communion wafers are available, please speak with an Elder)

May I commune at Lord of Glory?

What does the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) teach regarding the sacrament of communion and who may partake in this sacrament?

- Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift of God in which Christ gives us His true body and blood (in a miraculous way), together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Because the Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful if misused, and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confession of faith, the LCMS ordinarily communes only those who have been instructed in the teachings of our church and who have confessed their faith in these teachings.

  1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 21 & 11:26-29

- However, if you are not a member of an LCMS congregation you are simply asked to take a moment and visit with the pastor before attending communion. We know that there are Christians who share our understanding of the Lord's Supper who are not members of an LCMS congregation. We are deeply sensitive to the fact that our communion practice in the Missouri Synod is not one held by many fine Christians who are accustomed to a more open communion practice. Please understand that we are not judging your Christianity! We simply differ in our understanding of the presence of Jesus in the Lord's Supper and the unity of faith expressed when we commune together.

Visitors and Guests

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We are happy to have you join us! If you are not familiar with our worship, here are some helpful hints:

- Worship information is printed in the bulletin so that you can follow along.
- At times, we stand during worship… to pray, to give glory to God, to honor His name. If you are physically unable to stand, that is ok, God understands.
- For young children... we ask that they remain seated with their responsible adult. Busy bags are not available at this time.
- The nursery will be available if the need arises. While in the nursery, you will be able to hear the service over the sound system.
- If you have a prayer request, please speak with Pastor Mably, the Elder on duty or email your request to pastormarty@lordofglorylutheran.org.
- You are our guests. Do not feel pressured to give an offering this morning. Supporting the ministry at Lord of Glory is the responsibility of our members.

If you need further information, please contact the office or Pastor Mably at 763.263.3090. Your needs are important to us!

Please join us again. Our schedule is as follows:

Sunday mornings (communion 1st & 3rd Sunday):

9:00 am Worship (1st/2nd Sunday—Traditional and 3rd/4th Sunday—Contemporary)

Upcoming events at Lord of Glory…

TODAY	9:00am	Contemporary Worship
Mon, 9/21	Fall Pastor's Conference, St. Paul's Lutheran, Perham	
	10:00am	Online Devotion
	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Tues, 9/22	10:00am	Online Devotion
	6:00pm	Firearm Safety Class—Rick Kreuger
Wed, 9/23	10:00am	Online Devotion
	6:30pm	Confirmation
Thurs, 9/24	10:00am	Online Devotion
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study
	6:00pm	Firearm Safety Class—Rick Kreuger
Fri, 9/25	10:00am	Online Devotion
Sun, 9/27	9:00am	Contemporary Worship
	District Board of Directors, Brainerd	

HOW TO REGISTER FOR WORSHIP:

a. Register through Signup Genius. (www.signupgenius.com)
b. Signups will be available one week at a time, opening by **12pm Monday**.
c. For congregants without access to the internet, please contact Kim Becker, our Reservationist, at 612-760-5599 and she will get you registered. If she does not answer, please leave your information and she will contact you to confirm your registration.

Online worship will still be available for worshipers who choose to remain home and/ or if capacity is reached.

YOU CAN HELP…. Because of the increased precautions necessary to make an indoor in-person worship service viable and safe, we are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

Ushers (2)
Cleaning crew (3+)— if necessary

If you can help out, please contact the church office. Volunteers will be trained each Sunday as needed before the service.

TOGETHER IN MISSION—Please continue to pray for and connect with our missionaries: Olivia Hunt: olivia.hunt@missionofchrist.org and Pastor Jastram: www.lcms.org/jastram.

OVERCOMERS INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (Men's Shelter) is in need of Men's winter clothing—winter coats, hats and gloves. Please drop off your donation at Susie Archuleta's home at 626 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake. Please put in a plastic bag and leave in the yard by the driveway. For questions, please contact Susie at 612.812.4215.

Do you have extra coffee cups or mugs, if so, you may drop them off at the church office or put them on the table by the kitchen.

Elder Schedule
Today John Grovender
9/27 Steve Silvan

Usher Schedule
9/20 Rob Rydberg/
9/27 Rick Kreuger/Larry Wilson

Greeter Schedule
Today Maria Dierks
9/27 Brenda Kreuger

Media Shout Schedule
Today Debbi Rydberg
9/27 Chloe Setrum

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD
Attendance: 9:00am—70

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY:
- Pastor and Anissa in honor of Enya's birthday.
- Mary Robinson

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/24 Bryce Loidolt
9/25 Dee Kalm
Britley Plautz
9/26 Lindsay Doyle
Vic Miller
Robin Schlosser
9/27 Sophia Tobin
9/28 Lucas Karschnik
Pam Willprecht
9/29 Sean Hodges
9/30 Reggie Becker
Jaime Martinez
Erica Olson

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update the information. Thank you!

9/24/88 Rick & Shirley Olson
9/26/92 Tim & Karen McClay
9/28/74 Leroy & Lori Herrboldt
9/29/80 Bill & Jan Stefano

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, October 12 from 2-7pm

A few more donation times remain open, to sign up, register online at redcrossblood.org. We are in need of 1 more volunteer from 2-4:30pm, if you can help out, please contact Brenda in the office.

PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION-ALL ARE WELCOME!

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on **Monday, October 12, 7-8pm** at Church of St. Albert, 11400-57th St NE, Albertville. You will learn about the latest abortion numbers and trends in Minnesota, the effect of the COVID-19 crisis on beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues, court cases that will affect our ability to pass or retain lifesaving laws, and the stakes in the upcoming election. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting and supporting unborn children and their mothers. For more information visit mccl.org/falltour

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I would like to thank all of you for the well wishes, cards and prayers. I feel so blessed and appreciate this family of Christ at Lord of Glory.
~ Jonel Leiding

For those of you that know Katie Hannasch (Meltzer), daughter of Steve & Julie Meltzer, the following is her Caring Bridge site for you to stay up to date on her condition: https://caringbridge.org/visit/katiehannasch/journal/view/id/5f3ddc9ad73a096e47857e73?fbclid=IwAR3sbnlOVuhfT7ezjghh1uRS9t_ztHnEp2eArUwU8N_W5FIOzU-GGOXlDY0
If you would like to send her a card, her address is PO Box 243, Browns Valley, MN 56219