

July 18, 2021 – Ephesians – One People, One Hope: Saved

Above All

Above all powers,
above all kings,
Above all nature
and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what
You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind
the stone,
You lived to die
rejected and alone.
Like a rose
trampled on the ground
You took the fall
and thought of me above all.

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Welcome

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We are Gathered by God--

C: To Share the Love of Jesus!

Announcements

Luther's Morning Prayer

D: Let us pray together:

C: We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down
into darkness,
Opened my eyes,
let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You,
Hope of a life
spent with You.

Chorus: So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're
altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful
to me.

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in
heaven above:
Humbly You came
To the earth
You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

And I'll never know
how much it cost
To see my sin
upon that cross.
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upon that cross.

Chorus

Here I am to worship.

Written by: Tim Hughes
2000 Thankyou Music

Invocation

D: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

D: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

D: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

D: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

D: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach me Your paths.

D: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

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C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

D: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

D: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession & Assurance

D: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...

D: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

D: Amen!

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C: Amen!

Sharing of the Peace

D: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever!

D: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

C: whom He has redeemed from trouble.

D: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,

C: for His wondrous works to the children of man!

D: For He satisfies the longing soul,

C: and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

D: Let us greet one another in the peace of the Lord!

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: 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!

Verse

Chorus

I will make my boast
in Christ alone (4X)

I will boast in the
Lord my God,
I will boast in the
One who's worthy! (4x)

He's worthy!

Written by: Paul Baloche
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Kyrie

D: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

*D: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

*D: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

*D: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all,
let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

D: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

*D: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who
travel, let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

*D: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,
and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

D: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

D: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect

D: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and even though we have deserved only punishment, You have received us as Your children and You still provide for all our needs of body and soul. Help us to heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 4:1-15 ESV

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten^[a] a man with the help of the Lord." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted?^[b] And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to^[c] you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother.^[d] And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear."^[e] ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the

passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^[b] ⁴ But^[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel - John 3:14-21 ESV

D: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[a]

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world,^[b] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

D: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 571 - God Loved the World So That He Gave

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

LSB 744 - Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Written by: John Newton

Apostles' Creed

D: Baptized into Christ Jesus and living together in trust and hope, we confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church--the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory Prayer

D: Let us pray together: Heavenly Father,

**C: As we remember Your love and the lavish gift of Your grace, we pray:
receive these tithes and offerings that we return to You in deepest
thanksgiving and devoted praise of Christ Jesus our Lord, who first offered
Himself on the cross to You as a fragrant offering, and saved us! In His
precious name we pray; Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

(Email requests to prayer@spalutheran.org.)

D: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

I: O God, friend of sinners, be merciful and save us, for we are tempted by Satan daily, and daily we sin and transgress Your will. For the sake of Christ Jesus and His bitter suffering and death upon the cross, forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

D: O God, who joins us together in the Body of Christ, be merciful and save our neighbors, especially those who have sinned against us and done us harm. Give us patience and strength, that we would deal with them gently and humbly, readily forgiving as we have been forgiven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

I: O God, our Good Shepherd, be merciful and save Your Church here and in every place. Defend our pastors from arrogance and pride, and strengthen them in the faithful preaching of Your Word, that both Your holy Law and Your precious Gospel would be proclaimed and Your children be united in saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

D: O God, full of compassion, be merciful and save all in need, especially children who lack food, clothing and shelter, and all orphans who are in need of parents to care for them. Heavenly Father, provide earthly fathers and mothers and friends and neighbors to care for them. Give us generosity to serve as agents of Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

I: O God, the King of King and Lord of Lords, be merciful and save our land, that those with any authority would exercise it in wisdom and righteousness, that we may have peaceful days. Be merciful to the nations of the world, that wars would cease and harmony be restored. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

D: O God, the Great Physician of our bodies and souls, be merciful and save the sick and the sorrowing, especially these we remember before You now... As they are burdened by the difficulties and hardships of life in this fallen world, may they receive not only relief in this world, but also have the constant hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

I: O God, who gathers a holy harvest, be merciful and save all those who do not yet know that it was Your great mercy and deep love that saved us through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Grant that we who have received this mercy might be ready,

willing, and able to share His love by our words and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

D: Now as our Savior has taught us, so we are bold to pray:

**C: 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.**

Benediction

D: The almighty and merciful Lord--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

LSB 837 - Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

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Sending

D: We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore, let us go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Farewell and God's Blessings

Postlude

Remember. Reflect. Give thanks.