

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

9:30 am

Gathering

Welcome to Worship! I'm glad you're here and the Bible tells me that God is glad that you are here.

Announcements

1. We're recording! Let me know if you're not ok with your face on YouTube. We post the worship later in the day.
2. Installation picnic is on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 4pm. Outdoor worship for installation is at 5:30pm. Be there! Invite friends!
3. You should be getting e-mails. Let Pastor Jess know if you're not. Make sure you are subscribed to the LCMM YouTube channel, Miss Ann's Lambs Kid's Time channel, and that you like and follow our Facebook page. The more you like/comment/and share these things, the most people will come to know Jesus through LCMM.

Centering and Quietening Time

Let's take a deep breath and move ourselves into a worshipful space while we listen to the prelude.

Prelude

Instrumental Music

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Holy Ground (W&P #59)

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground. *(Repeat)*

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God,
**C: we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he

said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am' has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Second Reading: Psalm 26:1-6

A: Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.**

A: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**C: I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

A: I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.

**C: I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,**

A: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**C: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.**

Music: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW #172)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah,
Halle, halle, halle-lujah,
Halle, halle, halle-lujah,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

21From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Let It Be Said of Us

1. Let it be said of us
That the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore
Every cross we were given,
That we fought the good fight
That we finished our course,
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.

Chorus

Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy
By the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song,
'Till the likeness of Jesus
Be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song.

2. Let it be said of us
We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love
And delighted in meekness,
We were ruled by his peace
Heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body
That Christ would be seen by all. *Chorus*

Prayers

A: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)*

A: God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

C: C: hear our prayer.

A: God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (especially). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.C: hear our prayer.

A: God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (especially). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Moment of Generosity

You can use this time to click on the online giving link in the chat, or to write a check and prepare an envelope to mail to the church. The council is accepting applications from our mutual aid fund. We are also collecting for live streaming equipment for when we gather again in person, and online tools for connecting now. You can use the other box in the online giving form, or the memo line of your check to write "Mutual Aid Fund" or "Tech Special Offering".
[If you have a story of generosity to share next week, let Pastor know.]

Music: Build Us Up, Lord (ELW #670)

- 1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 set in us a strong foundation.
 Lead us to do your holy will;
 form and shape your new creation.
 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 as we guide and teach each other,
 help us to share your love with the world:
 ev'ry sibling, ev'ry person. *Refrain*

Refrain

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!

- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 let our lives reflect your glory.
 Cast away all our doubts and fears;
 help us tell the world your story.
 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 help us bear good fruit for you,
 Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
 Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

Music: To Be Your Presence (ELW #546)

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!

Blessing

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Coffee Hour

We will be together in a large group.

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Holy Ground

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