

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 Quieting 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: You Are the Rock of my Salvation (W&P #161)**

You are the rock of my salvation.  
You are the strength of my life.  
You are my hope and my inspiration.  
Lord unto You will I cry.  
I believe in you, believe in you, for your faithful love to me.  
You have been my help in time of need.  
Lord unto You will I cleave. *(Repeat)*

You are the rock of my salvation.  
You are the strength of my life.

### **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: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **First Reading: Exodus 1:8 - 2:10**

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so

that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

## **Second Reading: Psalm 124**

1 If the Lord had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;  
2 if the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us,  
**3 then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;**  
**4 then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us;**  
5 then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.  
6 Blessed be the Lord  
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
**7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**  
**8 Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

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

## **Gospel: Matthew 16:13 - 20**

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day: Rejoice in God's Saints (ELW #418)**

- 1 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish, their purpose is God.
- 3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.

In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

## **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. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

**A:** Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** You call us into this community (*name*), in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead (*especially*). Bring us with them to our heavenly home. 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*

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: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW #543)**

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

### **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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