

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Live stream worship service

Contemporary Worship

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Serving in Worship

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GATHER

PRELUDE: *IN CHRIST ALONE*

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *TODAY IS THE DAY*

1. I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Chorus

Today is the day You have made

I will rejoice and be glad in it

Today is the day You have made

I will rejoice and be glad in it

And I won't worry about tomorrow

I'm trusting in what You say

Today is the day, today is the day

2. I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good (**Chorus**)

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (all my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (all my days I'll live)

Chorus 2

*Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (x5)*

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

P: God of abundant goodness,

C: we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. We ask once again for your mercy and to help us to be more merciful toward one another. We ask this all in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved.

P: Brothers and sisters, God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, and grace beyond our ability to earn it. Know that your redemption comes solely through Jesus Christ, who died to save us from our sins. In his name, I declare that your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

At this time, please share the peace with those around you. Also, please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshipping with us!

SONG OF PRAISE: *Holy Spirit*

1. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare; You're our living hope
Your presence Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here, come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

2. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare; You're our living hope
Your presence Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your presence Lord (**Chorus**)

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (**Repeat Bridge**) (**Chorus x2**)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING: *Jonah 3:10–4:11*

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG: Simple Prayer

Lord this is my simple prayer
Come and purify me
Cause my heart to burn again
Fill it with Your fire **(Repeat)**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And 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?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When 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.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘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.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Jay Shailer

SONG OF THE DAY: *Your Grace Is Enough*

1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Chorus

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

2. Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along **(Chorus)**

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God **(Chorus)***

Chorus 2

*Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me*

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after each petition...)*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: You Alone

1. When this life has overwhelmed me
And I feel like giving up
I will cling to all You've promised
It will always be enough
2. When the world around me crumbles
And it's hard to understand
I will run to You my shelter
I am safe within Your hands
You are my help forever

Chorus 1

*I will not fear
God, You are with me
I know You're near
You'll never leave me
I will trust in You alone*

3. When I'm broken in the silence
I can hear You whispering
You're not alone here in these trials
I will hold you faithfully
You are my help forever (**Chorus 1**)

Chorus 2

*And when my heart and strength have failed me
My God You won't
Your name is mighty
I will trust in You alone*

Bridge

You are a fortress for the weak
The strength that carries me
When I am on my knees
The cross reminds my heart to trust
Your faithfulness and love
Will always be enough (**Repeat**) (**Chorus 1**) (**Chorus 2**)

*I will trust in You alone
I will trust in You alone*

SENDING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: God of salvation, we offer you our time, our talents, and our resources to be used for your good purposes and all for love's sake. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

THE 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: FOREVER

1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
2. With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever, forever

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise (**Chorus**)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please take a few moments to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed. The livestream will continue for a few extra minutes to allow for your interaction.

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Parish Notes

Hospitalized: Phyllis Reed, Cathy Dumler

Sympathy to Morning Care staff member, Ronda Grierson, on the death of her father