

Sunday
Sept. 20, 2020
9:30am
Online Worship
10:00am
Outdoor Worship

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION

**Nothing Is
Impossible:
A Fall of Faith,
Blessings
& Hope**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW 765

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.... Almighty and eternal God,

you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[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.”

REFLECTION

The last will be first & the first will be last

Pastor Karen Pahl

GOSPEL SONG

"Let it Be Jesus"

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 PEOPLE

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you, May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face,

May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again.....

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Send Us Out"

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SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Let it Be Jesus

Verse 1

Let it be Jesus
The first name that I call
Let it be Jesus
My song inside the storm
I'll never need another

Chorus

For me to live is Christ
For me to live is Christ
God I breathe Your name above ev'rything
Let it be let it be Jesus
(Let it be let it be (my) Jesus)

Verse 2

Let it be Jesus
From the rising of the sun
Let it be Jesus
When all is said and done
I'll never need another
Jesus there's no other

Bridge

Should I ever be abandoned
Should I ever be acclaimed
Should I ever be surrounded
By the fire and the flame
There's a name I will remember
There's a name I will proclaim
Let it be let it be Jesus
Let it be let it be Jesus
Let it be let it be

Ending

Oh let it be let it be Jesus

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Send Us Out

Verse 1

We have been called by the Lord
We have been saved by the Word
Now let the Word be restored
Now let the Gospel be heard

Chorus

Send us out to teach what God has done
Send us out to reach ev'ry single one
Send us out
Send us out

Verse 2

We who were bound by our shame
Ruled by our fears within
Stand and declare by the name
Freedom from all of our sin

Bridge

Teach what God has done
Reach ev'ry single one
Teach what God has done
Reach ev'ry single one

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us O God, when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through virtual gatherings, small group in-person gatherings outdoors or in-person as we are comfortable...for Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, Bible Study, Book Conversations or discussion on faith topics of today. Continue to nurture our faith and help us grow with questions, ideas, and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The vastness of the heavens shows us the enormity of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought devastation, we look to you O God, to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations, O God. Speak kindness to the worlds bitter grudges, wars and disagreements. Settle our hearts when we want to even the field with violence, whether it is abroad or right here at home on our streets. Be with our government, our communities and our leaders. Give them patience, knowledge and wisdom in these challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand O God and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the voices of all who call out to you in distress and satisfy their deepest needs and prayers. Bring wholeness and healing to those who struggle in body, heart, soul, and mind (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive O God. Remind us that you call us to love our neighbor, seek justice and find peace. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation and its people a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die O God, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, and for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.