

CLOSING SONG

Because He Lives

I believe in the Son, I believe in the risen One,
I believe, I overcome by the power of His blood.

Chorus: Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives,
Amen, Amen, let my song join the One that never ends, because He lives.

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away. *Chorus*

Bridge: Because He lives (He lives) I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives (He lives), every fear is gone.
I know (I know) He holds (He holds)
My life (my life) my future in His hands. *Chorus twice*



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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ Although the attention of many is distracted on this Labor Day weekend, the focus of the Readings is clear. We have a Savior who has come to find the lost and restore them through forgiveness, and we have a purpose in speaking this Gospel to the whole world. This is not an easy calling. The lost often do not want to be found, and the wicked are content in their ways. We act not as self-appointed guardians of the truth but as instruments of God, through whom He speaks His Word of love to the lost and erring and by whom they are saved. The most difficult application is always to those who have fallen from the faith into error or sin. Our greatest temptation is to surrender them to their error or sin. Our greatest calling is to address them with the voice of God's Word through whom the Spirit works to restore the lost. Today we pray that we will not be distracted from this goal and purpose.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *House of the Lord*

**We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is,
We worship the God who evermore will be.**

He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea, my God, He holds the victory.

Refrain: **There's joy in the house of the Lord,
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord, our God is surely in this place,
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise.**

**We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves,
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave,
My God's still rolling stones away. Refrain**

Bridge: **We were the beggars, now we're royalty.**
 We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
 We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace –
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise. *Repeat, then Refrain*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG *Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)*

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come.

And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

And, O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love -

Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts-

Above all else, I adore Your name.

Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise. *Repeat 3 times*

The highest praise, the loudest praise to the Name above every name.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love -

Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

PSALM 32:1-7

Pastor: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

People: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE What an Awesome God

God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, name above all names.

Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.

Take a look at those stars, He can name 'em all, before His throne every knee falls.

The demons have to run, the angels have to praise, even the winds and waves obey.

Chorus: Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

And even when I ran, He didn't run away, He came and put death back in its place.

Friday on a cross, broken for my shame, Sunday morning rose up from that grave.

Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet - He saved our souls for eternity.

Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King, oh, let all the saints and the angels sing: Chorus

Eyes on the sky, there will be a day He will come and wipe our tears away.

No more fear, no more pain, no more sorrow, sin or shame.

The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end.

For everything You've done and everything You do

And everything You are, I'll sing to You:

My God, You're an awesome God, You're great in all You do.

I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. Chorus

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds,
grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration,
that we may set our minds on the things that are right
and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33:7-9 (ESV)

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:1-10 (ESV)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will

incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:1-20 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

Love of God

**It's so good I almost can't believe it, far beyond what hearts could ever dream,
The God who set the galaxies in motion would descend to give His life for me.
For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?
All my life, my heart will sing the answer - only the love of God.**

*Chorus: Singing oh, how great is the love of God. He paid our debt on that rugged cross.
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise - how great is the love of God.*

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance; and it's so bright, the darkness has to flee.
 Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence, for I was bound but now I stand redeemed.
 For what could break the chains of any prison?
 What force could rob the power from the grave?
 What would trade my rags for heaven's riches? Only the love of God.

Chorus: Singing oh, how great is the love of God. He paid our debt on that rugged cross.
 For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise - how great is the love of God.

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it; it's so high, too marvelous for words.
 I could sing a million songs about it, and barely scratch the surface of Your worth.
 This all my life, the banner I'll be waving, my anthem cry no matter what may come,
 And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven I'll still be singing this song -
 For everything that You've done, how great the love of God. *Chorus twice*

SERMON *A Love That Drives Us to Repentance and Heals Us*

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
 who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

COMMUNION

As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: So we come to You to commune with You in this sacrament, and join the angels and all those in heaven singing...

HOSANNA

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Repeat*
 Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest. *Repeat*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread;
 and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples
 saying, “Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in
 remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks,
 He gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the
 new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as
 often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

(John 1:29)

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

COMMUNION SONG***Jesus Messiah***

**He became sin, who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness.
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross - love so amazing. Love so amazing.**

Chorus: **Jesus Messiah, name above all names, blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
 The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven,
 Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

**His body, the bread; His blood, the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
 The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn - love so amazing. Love so amazing. *Chorus***

**All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You,
 All the glory to You, God, the light of the world. *Chorus***

Lord, I Need You

**Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
 Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.**

Chorus: **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need You.
 My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
 And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. *Chorus***

**Teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way.
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay. *Chorus***

BLESSING

Pastor: And now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus
 Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life
 everlasting. Peace be with you.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.