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In my Father's house there's a place for me, I'm a child of God, yes I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am. *Repeat*
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Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

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The Gathering

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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 ~ Any gardener will admit they have seen certain plants flourish while others fail. The plants don't get a choice in the matter. A plant cannot affect the amount of sunlight, moisture, or attention it receives. It simply grows the way it was designed to. You have been planted by the Lord in His garden. You have seen the light of His Gospel, been watered in Baptism, and been nourished by heaven's food. You have been designed to flourish! A pear tree doesn't grow pumpkins, and neither do the redeemed fall back into fear or slavery. You are the harvest of the Lord. We grow to His glory.

PRESERVICE *This is Our God*
Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape,
But He came, and He died, and He rose - those walls are rubble now.

Remember those giants we called death and grave?
They were like mountains that stood in our way,
But He came, and He died, and He rose - those giants are dead now.

Chorus: **This is our God, this is who He is: He loves us.**
This is our God, this is what He does: He saves us.
He bore the cross, beat the grave, let heaven and earth proclaim:
This is our God, King Jesus.

Remember that fear that took our breath away?
Faith so weak that we could barely pray, but He heard every word, every whisper.
Now those altars in the wilderness tell the story of His faithfulness.
Never once did He fail, and He never will. *Chorus*

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did.
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus. *Repeat*

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh.
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him. *Repeat, then Chorus*

WELCOME / SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG *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*

OPENING VERSICLES
Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. (Psalm 84:10)

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
People: Teach me Your paths (Psalm 25:4)

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.
People: Your Word is truth. (John 17:17)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

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 *Build My Life*
Worthy of every song we could ever sing, worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.
Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only one who could save,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.

Chorus: **Holy, there is no one like You, there is none besides You,**
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me. *Repeat All*

**And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation,
And I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.** *Repeat, then Chorus twice*

† READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE †

PSALM 65:9-13

Pastor: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

People: **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

Pastor: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

People: **The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

Pastor: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on

rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,
²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or
persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was
sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the
deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown
on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit
and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

(Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28)

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

† READINGS FROM THE CATECHISM †

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Exodus 20:2-17)

- You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant,**
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
- And in Jesus Christ his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

SONG OF THE DAY

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Saviour.

Chorus: **I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,**
I believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is Three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life forever seated high. *Chorus*

Bridge: **I believe in You. I believe You rose again.**
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Repeat, then Chorus twice*

**I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus. *Chorus twice***

SERMON

PRAYER

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For...let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me, yes He died for me.