



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024
One service: 10:30 AM**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Youth & Young Adult Gathering 2024

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: Greater

Scott Cash

Welcome

People of God, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Thanks be to God!

You are created in the image of God.

We are created to be loved.

You are created to be brave.

We are created to be truth-tellers.

You are created to be authentic.

We are created to be free to serve others.

You are created to be disruptive at tables where injustice is revealed.

We are created to be disciples who follow Jesus.

People of God, welcome to worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Holy God, you gather us together as your people. We are created to be brave in the face of our fears. Help us. Remind us of your mercy. Hear our broken words.

For the days we are afraid to show up

Forgive us.

For the days we are afraid to speak up.

Forgive us.

For the days we are afraid to welcome someone others have ignored.

Forgive us.

For the times we are afraid to tell our own story or listen to someone else tell theirs.

Forgive us.

For the times we are afraid to be honest.

Forgive us.

For the times when we are afraid to challenge what is accepted.

Forgive us.

For the times we are afraid to follow you.

Forgive us.

Dear friends... God created you to be loved, to tell the truth, to be free to live the fullness of this life God offers to you. By God's grace you have been saved from every broken promise, every assumption of privilege, every ignored invitation. In the name of Jesus ✝ your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Song: *Child of Love*

Verse 1

I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Tryna satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from Heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it

I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Verse 2

I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

Chorus

Yeah, Oh
I am a child of love (x2)

Bridge

Nothing can change the way
You love me
Nothing can change the way
I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate (x2)
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love
Chorus (x2)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...who rose from the dead
the love of God...who created us to be hope in a broken world
and the communion of the Holy Spirit...who inspires our hearts to life
be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Lord God, you remind us that we are not alone in this world. You search us and know us. You invite us to remember that you see us and love us and call us by name. You are our light and salvation, why should we be afraid? You invite us to let our light shine and to use our freedom in you as an opportunity to serve others. You remind us of your example of turning over tables by getting in the way of injustice, oppression, and pain. Create us to be all that you desire for the world that we might follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me. ²You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether. ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," ¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be. ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Gospel Acclamation: *Here's My Heart*

Here's my heart, Lord (x3)

Speak what is true

I am found,

I am Yours,

I am loved,

I'm made pure

I have life,

I can breathe,

I am healed,

I am free

Here's my heart, Lord (x3)

Speak what is true

Here's my life, Lord (x3)

Speak what is true (x3)

Gospel: Matthew 22:36-40

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Messages

shared by Brandon, Bri, Kim and Teresa

Hymn of the Day: *Greater*

Verse 1

Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me
Every day I wrestle with
the voices that keep telling me I'm not
right
But that's alright

Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me
redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
Greater is the One living inside of me
than he who is living in the world

In the world, in the world
Greater is the One living inside of me
than he who is living in the world

Verse 2

Bring your doubts and bring your fears
bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy, righteous and redeemed
Every time I fall,
there'll be those who call me a mistake
Well that's OK

Chorus

Ohhh, ohh, ohhhhh (x2)
He's greater, He's greater (x2)
Ohhh, ohh, ohhhhh (x2)

Bridge

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war
I am learning to run freely
understanding just how He sees me
and it makes me love Him more and more
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Chorus (x2)

Bridge

Than he who is living in the world

Affirmation of Faith

Let us profess our faith together:

I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love. I believe that God created me and delights in that creation. I believe the psalmist who says, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” I believe that, just as God called Jesus “beloved,” God extends this same term of endearment to us.

I believe that no matter our earthly challenges, nothing could strip me of that sacred title. I could fail every test, miss every goal, drop every ball, and I would still be God’s beloved.

Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm. I anchor myself with this good news, allowing the anxiety of the day to roll over me as best I can, because I know where I belong.

I am a child of God. I am beloved. I strive to live this way. Amen.

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Prayers of Intercession with “Sanctuary”

Prayer response:

...Receive our prayers, O God, and remind us...

That we are created to be your hope in the world.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, Tried and true

And with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.

...In the name of Jesus we pray,

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share that peace with each other.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: Come, All You People – Uyaimose

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Uyai Mose, tinamate mwari (x3)

Uyai Mose zvino

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior (x3)

Come now and worship the Lord

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Offertory Procession

Offering Prayer

God is good.

All the time.

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God is good.

Let us pray...

Generous God, every good gift comes from your open hand. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world; for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary,

Jesus creates us to be.

Eating with sinners,

Jesus creates us to be brave.

Guiding his children

Jesus creates us to be authentic.

Visiting the sick,
Jesus creates us to be free.

Dying on the cross,
Jesus creates us to be disruptive.

Rising from the dead,
Jesus creates us to be disciples.

...we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... We praise you, eternal God through Jesus your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit now and forever.
Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

Invitation to the Table

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song: *Well Done*

solo by Bri Ensign

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray...Lord God, we who do new things, sometimes feel afraid,
So make us brave.

We who live this life as a full gift from you, are often challenged,
So make us authentic.

We who serve others, sometimes are held back,
So make us free.

We who trouble the systems of this world as it is, invite anger.
So make us disruptive.

Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world that we may tell the story
of your love.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to
you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the
Father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Praise* (see screen)

Sending

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You are created to be authentic.

You are created to be free.

You are created to be disruptive.

Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world.

That we may tell the story of your love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Walk This Out*

Announcements

Altar Flowers today are provided by Allan & Christine Simms.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, Sept. 8	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Tuesday, Sept. 10	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 11	6:30 PM	Choir and/or Bell practice
Thursday, Sept. 12	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, Sept. 14	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

Regular Worship Schedule

begins next Sunday September 15; services at 8:00 and 10:30 with Faith Formation at 9:15. All ages please join us next Sunday during Faith Formation for a presentation by the Mission trip folks about their Jamaican trip.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Tying Session

Tuesday September 17 at 1:00. No experience necessary! Join us to complete quilts for LWR. Questions: contact Marilyn Koehler.

Highway Clean-Up

Saturday September 21, meet at 9:00 am, lower level. See signup & info in the Narthex. Questions: ask Steve Heer.

Faith Formation Classes

Regular classes start Sunday September 22 at 9:15!

Prayer List

Willeen Sass
Tim Shade
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John & Ellen Shook
Allan & Christine Simms
Rev. John and Mona Sorenson
David & Andy Spaniol and family

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