

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Great Is God's Faithfulness

June 30, & July 1, 2018

AS WE GATHER

The beloved hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," based on today's Old Testament Reading, is engraved on the hearts of many. But why the popularity? It's because the great faithfulness of God gives hope in the midst of suffering. It speaks of God's faithfulness and presence specifically to me when bad things happen. The hymn reminds us that there is no suffering we endure where Jesus is not at the right hand of God interceding for us, and there is no suffering we bear that Jesus has not ultimately overcome.

WELCOME

"For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true." Ephesians 5:8-9,ESV

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" Rise last stanza

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.

This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv'n.

This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

People: His mercies never come to an end;

Pastor: they are new every morning;

People: great is your faithfulness.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper! Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, we take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love; for He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #816 “From All that Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord:

Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, while in this world, we have suffering,

People: **give us eyes of faith to see that in the midst of suffering we have hope because of your great faithfulness and love for us;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lamentations 3:22–33 (The great faithfulness of the Lord) The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15 (Grace given among the churches)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 5:21–43 (Jesus heals the woman and the girl.)

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter

is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not:
Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

SERMON "When We Are Faithless, He Is Faithful" Lamentations 3:22-33

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, whose love never ceases and whose mercies have no end, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Take away from us all prejudice and hate; help us to show your compassion and love to all in need. Sanctify our homes with your presence. Make them places of welcome and love in Christ. Bless husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters, that we may live in Christ-like love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, you are good to those who wait for you and to the souls of those who seek you. In accordance with your will, heal the sick and relieve the suffering of those who have asked our prayers, especially Dorothy, Judy, Dick, Dorothy, Carol, Anita, Cindy, Pastor Bender, Junie, Carlene, RoseMarie, Tony, Nancy, Sue, Janet, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John. Arlene, Jack, Pat, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard, and Sarah and those we name before you in our hearts. Grant them patience and peace in their time of affliction. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, at the beginning of time you said that it was not good for the man to be alone and so you created woman and instituted holy marriage. We rejoice with the Prince family as Rebecca and Nicolas are united as husband and wife this (coming) weekend. Bless them and all Christian couples to live in holy love all their days. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Father, at Your Son's call, the dead are restored to life and tears are banished. Give His comfort and peace to all who grieve the death of those they love and to all whose pilgrimage draws to a

close. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Open the hearts of your people who commune today, that they may receive your these precious gifts with faith and for the strengthening of their joy and peace, through the forgiveness, life, and salvation give us in Christ's supper. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and whatever else you would have us ask of you, grant us, O Lord, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all praise and glory, now and to the end of all ages.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, You take away The sin of this world; thus we pray.
Grant us your mercy and your peace Until all days and years shall cease.

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(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

HYMN # 871 "Greet the Rising Sun"

Greet the rising sun, Shining with bright force,
Like an athlete strong, Set to run the course;
Birds soar high above, Wildflow'rs below;
With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.

Father, hear my prayer, Keep me safe today;
Sanctify my thoughts, All I do and say;
As I teach the young And esteem the old,
May Your bounteous grace By my life be told.

Lord, I will today On Your love rely;
Let no evil thought Cloud the clear blue sky.
Joyful and content With life's simpler things,
Knowing all I need From Your kindness springs.

HYMN #461 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
been faithful to your people and have given us forgiveness, life, and
salvation as we eat and drink in faith; through Jesus Christ, your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more:
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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