

# PRAISE SERVICE

## JUNE 11, 2023

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

#### PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.***

#### CHILDREN

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

#### INTRODUCTION

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced His faith, He was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.*

#### COMMEMORATION

***Barnabas, Apostle** - Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.*

#### The Miracle of St. Barnabas

c.1566 by Veronese



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

1 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 2 Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
 3 Sure-ly His good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
 4 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

1 All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near;  
 2 Hast thou not seen How all thy long - ings have been  
 3 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,  
 4 Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain:

1 Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 2 Grant-ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 3 If with His love He be - friend thee.  
 4 Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him. A - men.

## WELCOME AND MEDITATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP ....Psalm 33:1-5

*(congregation: indented)*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

**it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.**

Praise the LORD with the harp;

**make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Sing to Him a new song;

**play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

For the word of the LORD is right and true;

**He is faithful in all He does.**

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

**the earth is full of His unfailing love.**

### GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.) "Praise To the Lord"*

*(Maj # 24 - favorite - Praise Band)*

### INVOCATION *( = All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who forgives all our sin,  
Whose mercy endures forever.

**C: AMEN.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)*

P: God our strength,

**C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.**

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**C: AMEN.**



## GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

## PRAISE SONG "He Touched Me"

*(Maj # 632 - favorite - William J. Gaither - Praise Band)*

1 Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, 'Neath a load of  
2 Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, Since He cleansed and

1 guilt and shame— Then the hand of Je - sus touched me,  
2 made me whole, I will nev - er cease to praise Him—

1 And now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O He  
2 I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, And O the joy that floods my soul; Some - thing

hap - pened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

The image shows a musical score for the song "He Touched Me" in 3/4 time, featuring two vocal parts (1 and 2) and piano accompaniment. The score is written on six systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **O God, the strength of those who hope in You: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, so that in keeping Your commandments we may please You in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING ....Psalm 33:6-12

*(congregation: indented)*

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,  
    **their starry host by the breath of His mouth.**

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;

**He puts the deep into storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

**let all the people of the world revere Him.**

For He spoke, and it came to be;

**He commanded, and it stood firm.**

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;

**He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.**

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,

**the purposes of His heart through all generations.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

**the people He chose for His inheritance.**

*(Please sit.)*

## HYMN OF PRAISE “The God of Abraham Praise”

*(ELW # 831 verses 1-4 - Praise Band)*

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 He by him - self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love.  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God!  
 I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt. Music: YIGDAL, Hebrew, arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

**FIRST READING** ....Genesis 12:1-9.....Pew Bible p. 16

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....Romans 4:13-35.....p. 1752

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please rise.*)

*"One There Is, Above All Others" verse 1 (LBW # 298 - A Cappella)*

1 One there is, a - bove all oth - ers, Well de - serves the name of friend;  
3 When he lived on earth, they scorned him; "Friend of sin - ners" was his name.  
His is love be - yond a broth - er's, Cost - ly, free, and knows no end;  
Though the an - gels have a - dored him, Still he an - swers to that claim;  
They who once his kind - ness prove Find it ev - er - last - ing love.  
Still he calls them dear - est friends And to all their needs at - tends.

*Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: Andreas P. Berggren, 1801-1880*

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Matthew 9:9-26.....p. 1509

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verse 3*



**SERMON** *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

*“Alignment with God”*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.*

*(Romans 15:13)*

*(Please rise.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“There Is A Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

*(Maj # 362 - favorite - Praise Band)*

Frederick W. Faber

WELLESLEY  
Lizzie S. Tourjée

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner And more grac-es for the good;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind;  
4 If our love were but more sim-ple We should take Him at His word,

1 There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.  
2 There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in His blood.  
3 And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
4 And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A-men.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## **OFFERING**

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## **MISSION MOMENT** *(Please sit.)*

Lutheran World Relief Matching Funds Drive

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## **THE 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.**

## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

*(Please rise.)*

### **SENDING HYMN “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

*(ELW # 325 - African American spiritual - Praise Band)*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.  
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.  
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Darlene Treisner

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

PRAISE BAND: 8:30-Pastor David, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

PRAISE BAND: 10:45-Pastor David, Jonathan Mosebach

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Faith Miller / 10:45-Jonathan Mosebach

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

GRASS CUTTERS: Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham, Sharon Branigan

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Ruthann Kistler, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

*(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)*

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