

**AUGUST 9, 2020**  
TIME AFTER PENTECOST

**OPENING SONG**

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* #759  
vs. 1,2

My faith looks up to Thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to  
those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear  
you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes  
from the law, that "the person who does these things will  
live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith  
says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into  
heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will de-  
scend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the  
dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if  
you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in  
your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be  
saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The  
scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to  
shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and  
Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all  
who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of  
the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not  
believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they  
have never heard? And how are they to hear without some-  
one to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him

unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to Matthew...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22-23</sup> As soon as the meal was finished, Jesus insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

<sup>24-26</sup> Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29-30</sup> He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

<sup>32-33</sup> The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

*The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **SERMON**

**HYMN** "Have No Fear, Little Flock" #764  
vs. 1,2,4

Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!

Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts to God,  
for he stays close beside you, I  
n all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Prayer petitions conclude with "Lord, in your mercy."  
The congregation responds "**Hear our prayer**".*

## **PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy**

**name, thy kingdom come, they 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 tres-  
pass 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.**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **SENDING SONG**

*"The Lord's My Shepherd" #778  
vs 1,2,5*

The Lord's my shepherd;  
I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me,  
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake;  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Goodness and mercy  
all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be;  
and in god's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**—We remember members and friends recovering from surgery, those with on-going health concerns, the home-bound, as well as the families of recently deceased, Margaret Hanson and Lori Hackett (daughter of Daniel Bernet); Betty Olson, Jeanne Stansfield, Bill Barnes, John Larson, Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Earl McNeill, Jay Massey, Ruth Kolb, John Carr, Paul Baumgartner, Jennifer Garrett, Dorothy Jungbluth, Barb Lien, Debbie Coffey, Joni Hermanson, Vera Eidsmoe, Richard and Peggy Gilbertson, Ruth Hanson, Lynne Hendrickson, Lolly Johnson, Doris Larson, Gordy Larson, Marilyn Torkelson, Heather Lisser, Betty Lou Mathiowetz, Riley Sigg, Patty Vamstad, and Mark Zimmerman.

*Congratulations to the following graduates who we are celebrating  
at today's service:*

**Abigail Carr,**

**Kelsey Chrostowski,**

**Maggie Chrostowski,**

**Griffin Gordon,**

**and Sarah Saether.**

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