

Fourth Sunday Of Easter, May 8, 2022
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN

Prelude: “The Potter’s Hand” CCLI # 2449771

Gathering Song: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” - CCLI # 2430948

Verse: Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come. (Chorus)

Chorus: One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who call upon you now.

Ending: Come, come, come

Welcome & Opening Prayer

May Mission: **Lutheran Indian Ministries**

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

Confession *From Psalm 51 and Romans 7*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Congregation: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do I keep on doing.

(Silence for prayer and reflection)

P: Cleanse me and I will be clean;

C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen

Song: *Because of Your Love* - CCLI # 4662501

Verse: As we come into Your presence
We remember ev’ry blessing
That You’ve poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we’ve come to give You thanks
For all You’ve done

Chorus: Because of Your we’re forgiven
Because of Your love our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we’re changed because of Your love

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-8 (NKJV) [GNT] Read responsively

And on this mountain the Lord of hosts will make
for all people:

**A feast of choice pieces,
A feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines on the lees.**

And He will destroy on this mountain

The [cloud of sorrow] cast over all people

And the veil of tears spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord God will wipe away tears

From all faces;
The rebuke of His people He will take away

From all the earth;
For the Lord has spoken.

Praise Song: “Only You” - CCLI# 133969

Verse 1

No one but You Lord
Can satisfy the longing in my heart
Nothing I do Lord
Can take the place of drawing near to You

Chorus

Only You can fill my deepest longing
Only You can breathe in me new life
Only You can fill my heart with laughter
Only You can answer my heart's cry

Verse 2

Father I love You
Come satisfy the longing in my heart
Fill me overwhelm me
Until I know Your love deep in my heart

Epistle Lesson: Romans 11:1-6, 12, 16-20, 29-31 (NIV)

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”? And what was God's answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble.

for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you.

Gospel: John 10:1-5,14-16 (NIV)

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. **P: The Word of God for the people of God C: Thanks be to God**

Message: "Romans 11 - The Olive Root"

Pastor Daren Blanck

Prayers

Mother's Day Litany Prayer

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank you Lord for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank you Lord for my mother, help me to honor her.

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank you Lord for mothers of the past, keep them in our memories.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank you Lord for mothers of today, give us the vision to assist them as needed in our community.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet and for those who will soon be mothers again!

All: Thank you Lord for soon-to-be-mothers, give them health.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank you Lord for mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank you Lord for mothers who weep, give them strength.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank you Lord for the mothers in spirit, help them to see their value in our community.

Leader: We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

All: We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Thank you Lord for mothers! Amen.

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

The Creed: "This I Believe" - CCLI #7018338

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

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

(Repeat at end)

Our judge and our defender,
suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

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

I believe in You, I believe you rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Sending Song: "Sing Hallelujah" - CCLI # 3649013

Verse 1:

*Every voice in this place sing Hallelujah
Praise our God, seek His face sing Hallelujah
Every tribe, every tongue sing Hallelujah
Everything, everyone sing Hallelujah (Chorus)*

Verse 2:

*Young and old, rich and poor sing Hallelujah
High and low, exalt the Lord sing Hallelujah (Chorus)*

Bridge: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah! (Chorus)*

Chorus: *For the Lord our God is a righteous King, sing Hallelujah
For the Lord our God is enthroned on high, sing Hallelujah
He has rescued us with a strong right hand, sing Hallelujah
He has filled our lives with His faithful love, sing Hallelujah*

Announcements, Benediction & Sending

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia! Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!

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