

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 19, 2022
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN

Gathering Hymn: “Lord of All Hopefulness” - Reclaim #200

V1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord
At the break of the day

V2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day

V3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

V4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day

Welcome & Opening Prayer (June Mission: **Wycliffe Ministries**)

Pastor: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Confession and Forgiveness (From Psalm 25)

Pastor: To you, O Lord, I offer my prayer;

Congregation: In you, my God, I trust.

P: Teach me your ways, O Lord;

C: Make them known to me.

P: Teach me to live according to your truth,

C: For you are my God, who saves me.

P: Remember, O Lord, your kindness and constant love

C: Which you have shown from long ago.

P: In your constant love and goodness,

C: Remember me, Lord!

P: Forgive my sins as you have promised, O Lord,

C: For they are many.

(Silence for prayer and reflection)

P: Because the Lord is righteous and good,

C: He teaches sinners the path they should follow.

P: He leads the humble in the right way

C: And teaches them his will.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Opening Hymn: “Day by Day” - Reclaim #210

V1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
Draw me nearer to my heav’nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
Where at last I’ll find eternal rest.

V2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
O’er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life’s pain and sorrow
Till in glory I behold your face.

V3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Sam. 16,18,19 (Selected Verses - GNT)

The Lord's spirit left Saul, and an evil spirit tormented him. David came to Saul and entered his service. Then Saul sent a message to Jesse: “I like David. Let him stay here in my service.” From then on, whenever the evil spirit sent by God came on Saul, David would get his harp and play it. The evil spirit would leave, and Saul would feel better and be all right again.

David was successful in all the missions on which Saul sent him, and so Saul made him an officer in his army. This pleased all of Saul's officers and men.

As the soldiers were returning after battling the Philistines, women from every town in Israel came out to meet King Saul. They were singing joyful songs, dancing, and playing tambourines and lyres. In their celebration the women sang, “Saul has killed thousands, but David tens of thousands.” Saul became very angry, “For David they claim tens of thousands, but only thousands for me. They will be making him king next!” And so he was jealous and suspicious of David from that day on.

The next day the evil spirit took control of Saul and he raved in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did every day, and Saul was holding a spear. “I'll pin him to the wall,” Saul said to himself, and he threw the spear at him twice; but David dodged each time.

Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with David but had abandoned him. In the meantime, Saul's daughter Michal fell in love with David, and when Saul heard of this, he was pleased. He said to himself, “I'll give Michal to David; I will use her to trap him, and he will be killed by the Philistines.”

Saul told his officials to tell David, “The king is pleased with you and all his officials like you; now is a good time for you to marry his daughter.”

David answered, “It's a great honor to become the king's son-in-law, too great for someone poor and insignificant like me.”

So they said, “All the king wants from you as payment for the bride are the foreskins of a hundred dead Philistines, as revenge on his enemies.” (This was how Saul planned to have David killed by the Philistines.)

Before the day set for the wedding, David and his men went and killed two hundred Philistines. He took their foreskins to the king and counted them all out to him, so that he might become his son-in-law. So Saul had to give his daughter Michal in marriage to David.

One night Saul sent some men to watch David's house and kill him the next morning. Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't get away tonight, tomorrow you will be dead."

She let him down from a window, and he ran away and escaped. Then she took the household idol, laid it on the bed, put a pillow made of goats' hair at its head, and put a cover over it. When Saul's men came to get David, Michal told them that he was sick. But Saul sent them back to see David for themselves. He ordered them, "Carry him here in his bed, and I will kill him." They went inside and found the household idol in the bed and the goats' hair pillow at its head. Saul asked Michal, "Why have you tricked me like this and let my enemy escape?"

She answered, "He said he would kill me if I didn't help him escape."

David escaped and went to Samuel in Ramah and told him everything that Saul had done to him.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-4, 23:12 ((GNT))

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, asking, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?"

So Jesus called a child to come and stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child... Whoever makes himself great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be made great."

P: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God

Message: "Shadow King" - Pastor Daren Blanck

Prayers

Litany for Father's Day

Pastor: For the men who have given us life and love,

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

P: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

P: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

P: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.

P: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

P: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

All: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

P: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

All: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle and give strength and comfort to those whom they have hurt as only you, our Heavenly Father can

P: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

All: Holy God, shape them, mold them, continue to guide them to become the men you have created them to be - in the image of Christ your son

P: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for fathers in the faith past and present, near and far.

P: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

All: Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

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

Apostle's 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 power of 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 Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Communion

Please come forward during the communion song and take a cup of wine or grape juice and a wafer back to your seats. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice. We believe the Lord's Supper is a "means of grace" offered freely to all who seek Him. Please join us.

Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" - Family of God #564

V1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

V2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;

V3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Words of Institution & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Family of God #611

V1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thru the storm, thru the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

V2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Announcements

West End Worker Welcome Dinner: June 21 - Sign Up Sheet Available
July 4th sign up sheet available

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "He Who Began a Good Work" - Worship & Praise #56

He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

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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