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W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional
9:30am – Gather & Grow
10:30am - Contemporary

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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022
10:30 AM

LET US HOLD TIGHTLY
— WITHOUT —
WAVERING
TO THE HOPE
WE AFFIRM

— ✕ —
FOR GOD CAN BE
TRUSTED TO KEEP

...
HIS PROMISE

HEBREWS 10:23

WHY CHURCH?

AS WE GATHER

It's not about the rules. It's about rhythms and relationships. A close friend isn't close if you haven't spoken with them in several years. Things consistently happen in the lives of those who matter to us -- things that are significant. We can't be a part of either the highs or the lows of those lives -- of church life -- without consistency. We cannot know God's engagement and guidance in our lives without faithful, regular connection and time together in His Word, nourished by His Sacraments, living by His Grace.

WELCOME

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place - O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You - For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence - I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts - Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts - Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts - Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts - Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek - To see Your beauty
To find You in the place - Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek - To see Your beauty
To find You in the place - Your glory dwells

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out - For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul - I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me - I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You - to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day - Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day - Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

Pastor Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Congregation **Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

Congregation **The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

Pastor Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

Congregation **I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

Congregation **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Pastor Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

Congregation **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 27:1–6*

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:19–25*

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:16–30*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the

prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”

²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God - In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness - Who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth - With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand - A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise - We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward

Till the race is finished and the work is done - We'll walk by faith and not by sight
By faith the prophets saw a day - When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go - In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news - In ev'ry corner of the earth
By faith the mountain shall be moved - And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible - For all who call upon His name

SERMON

This I Believe (The Creed)

Verse 1

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

Chorus 1

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

Verse 2

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

Bridge

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

Chorus 2

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

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation **Gracious Lord, we pray to seek You and to obey You with confidence that You hear us.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation **Before the cross we bow confessing all our sins, recounting all Your Mercies and pray You keep us in Your faith.**

Pastor For the blessing of God upon us, that we may lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation We praise you for your wonderful goodness, love and power, for You are our strength.

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation We pray for the needs of others. We bring to You each thought and prayer for all needs and conditions. According to Your gracious will, lovingly fulfill Your promises.

Pastor With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation We now remember our dear ones in Your care. At our life's end, Lord, bring us with them around Your throne to share in heavens joy.

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation Gracious God, in years to come, guide us through our journey until at last You shall bring us home.

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation 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.

Congregation Amen.

King Of My Heart

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart - Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from - Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart - Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life - Oh He is my song

Chorus

You are good good oh - You are good good oh
You are good good oh - You are good good oh

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart - Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves - Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart - Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days - Oh He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let - Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let - Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let - Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let - Never gonna let me down

Ending

When the night is holding on to me - God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me - God is holding on

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