



Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

June 28, 2020

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

This morning Pastor Haug's summer series on the Book of Genesis focuses on the story of Abraham and Sarah.

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world. We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Ave Maria

Welcome

Giulio Caccini

**Call to
Worship**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

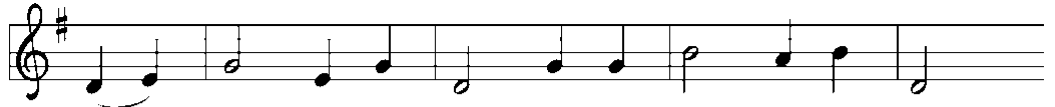
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

ELW #796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid:
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love:



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand.
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Apostolic Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Children's Sermon

Genesis 18:1-15 & 21:1-7

God, in the form of three messengers, announces to Sarah and Abraham that they will have a child. Sarah, because of her advanced age, laughs at this seeming impossibility. But nothing is impossible for God, and in due course Isaac is born. Now, Sarah, confesses, everyone will share in her joyous laughter.

Reading

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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Matthew 10:40-42
When Jesus sends his disciples out, he warns them of persecutions and hardships they will face.

The Apostles' Creed

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Sermon

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today’s gospel message.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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✠ Offering ✠

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Come, Sing Unto the Lord

Henry Purcell

*Come, sing unto the Lord, sing all ye people.
Let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Come before God's presence with thanksgiving and a song.*

Anthem

Give Thanks

Offertory

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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- A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

Offertory
Prayer

Prayers of the Church

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

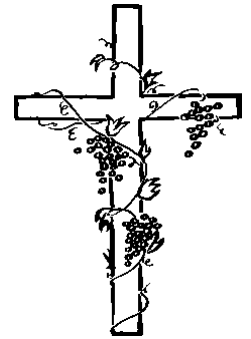
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

✠SENDING✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*



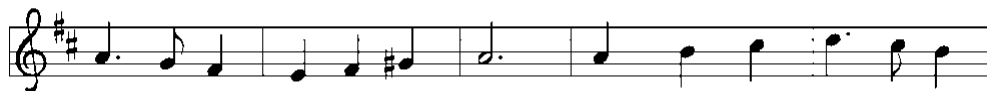
Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

Sending Hymn



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love,
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Aria-Cantilena from “*Bachianas brasileiras*”

Heitor Villa Lobos

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God’s grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

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PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:
Mary Sabatke, Gary Olson, father of Lars Olson; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Sam Brown**, child of Liz and Mike Brown; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne and Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Mary McCarthy**, friend of Nancy McCutcheon; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn;

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Reagan Gusman 6.29
Matthew Messerli 7.3

Susan Einess 7.3

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



DONATIONS FOR CES THROUGH

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jim Bargmann, Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church wanted to let us know that they have formalized an agreement with one of our neighborhood partner food shelves, Community Emergency Service (CES), to become a remote distribution site south Minneapolis. They will offer food and household supplies - both non-perishable and fresh vegetables and fruit - along with diapers, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, personal care items and more, every Friday until our primary shopping places (Target, Cub, Aldi, and their many corner shops) are able to reopen.

They will open at 9:00 am each Friday and will stay open until they run out of supplies or 12 pm, whichever comes first. Mt. Olive's address is 3045 Chicago Avenue South.

Monetary donations should be directed to CES (www.cesmn.org). They can leverage their relationships with food suppliers to make the money go much further than we can.

At Mount Olive, they are asking for donations of supplies that CES does not keep in their inventory but are still needed by members of the community - household cleaning supplies, personal care items, diapers, formula. Those can be dropped off at Mount Olive in the same time we are open for distribution - Fridays, 9 am to noon.

OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING MEALS IN 2020

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal for 40 the first Friday of every month for many years. This is a wonderful opportunity for families or a group of friends. Check your calendars and pick a month now for 2020. You can reserve your month by calling or emailing Cheri Moe (952-431-5226, moeclana@aol.com). She can provide you with recipes for a crowd. If you are a Thrivent member, you

can apply for a Thrivent Action grant that will cover the cost of the meal as well as some left over to purchase the supplies that Our Saviour's is always in need of.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to provide a meal for the shelter. The only date we now need volunteers for is October 2nd. Because of the COVID 19 restrictions, the only way to currently provide our monthly meal is to donate by check, money order or online and the shelter will order a meal. the suggested cost is \$250. Please contact Cheri if you can serve on October 2nd. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Haug will lead a virtual Bible study by Zoom for the regular 10:00 am Wednesday morning Bible study group. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Haug at pastor@loti.org. He will in turn, send you a link and invitation to the group meeting.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

If you are interested in participating in a virtual coffee hour on Sunday, please contact Michelle McCreery at michelle.mccreery@loti.org.

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