



Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

July 26, 2020

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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

✠ 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

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

The Gardener of a Single Flower

Kris Rizzotto (b. 1989)

Psalm 119

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light up- on my path.

I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.

The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end

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

Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun

ELW #557



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

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

Beloved and sovereign God, **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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

Reading

*Genesis 24:19-34
Although Jacob
was younger than*

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel

his twin, Esau, he eventually takes the birthright away from his brother. Jacob is portrayed in the Bible as deceptive, gripping his brother when he came out of the womb and driving a hard bargain by buying the birthright for a bowl of lentils.



Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!"

the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright

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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Gospel

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

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

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

The Apostles' Creed

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶On finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Hymn of the Day



Just As I Am, Without One Plea
ELW #592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Anthem

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

✠ Offering ✠

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ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

With Grateful Heart

Psalm 138 arranged by Mark Schweizer

*With grateful heart my thanks I bring, Before the throne thy praise I sing:
I worship in thy holy place And praise thee for thy truth and grace.
O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, Thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
Thy truth and grace together shine In thy most holy Word divine.
The work thou hast for me begun, Shall by thy grace be fully done;
For ever mercy dwells with thee; O Lord, my God, abide with me*

Give Thanks

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!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faith-

Offertory

Offertory

fulness 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.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church... Lord, in your mercy, **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.**

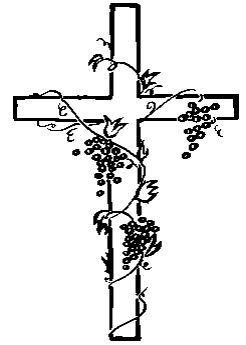
✠SENDING ✠

*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.*

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

ELW #848

Prayer



Sending Hymn

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

Coronation March

Kris Rizzotto (b. 1989)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.

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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: **the family of Jack Reno**, father of Andrea Christy; **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Vicki Hovda**; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **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; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe; **the family of Hazel Thomas**, a friend of Mark Duff and Michelle McCreery.

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| <i>Winnie Ulland 7.25</i> | <i>Vicki Hovda 7.27</i> |
| <i>Isabelle Einess 7.28</i> | <i>Murphy Kappel 7.28</i> |
| <i>Addie Frahm 7.29</i> | <i>Rebecca Morell 7.29</i> |
| <i>Clayton Nesheim 7.30</i> | <i>Andrea Nyhusmoen 7.30</i> |

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.

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.

God's Help, Our Hands

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