



Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

August 23, 2020

Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Scripture urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

This morning Pastor Haug's summer series on the Book of Genesis focuses on the story of Jacob's favorite son Joseph and his dreams.

✠ 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 Prayer

Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster

Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.

Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Then God called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

The LORD sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,

setting him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions, to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah!

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

The God of Abraham Praise

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1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways,
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

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Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

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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

God of all peoples, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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 Message

Anthem

Any Dream Will Do

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

*I closed my eyes Drew back the curtain To see for certain What I thought I knew
Far, far away Someone was weeping But the world was sleeping Any dream will do
I wore my coat With golden lining Bright colors shining Wonderful and new
And in the east The dawn was breaking And the world was waking Any dream will do
A crash of drums A flash of light My golden coat Flew out of sight
Colors faded into darkness I was left alone
May I return To the beginning The light is dimming And the dream is too
The world and I We are still waiting Still hesitating Any dream will do.*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*Though Joseph was
Jacob's favorite son,
his jealous brothers
sold him into slavery.
Judah, who protected
Joseph's life, later gives
a moving speech before
Joseph in Egypt,
indicating that the
brothers had changed
their ways.*

Reading

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."

¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse



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

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Gospel

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

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

Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

We Sing to You, O God

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1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to its
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your
birth, let our re-joic-ing sing your name in
land, you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful
young; you rise up on your wings and bear us
wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our
all the earth. To you, O God, let
pil - the grim band. You you, O God, let
toward - the sun. We kept us safe with -
prais - es ring. Your word is true, your
songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.
in your arms and shel-tered us a - gainst the storm.
light and air and trust in your un - fail - ing care.
way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

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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: Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess... 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

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with those around you.



✠ Offering ✠

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Be Thou My Vision

Eleanor H. Hull/ Richard Shephard

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou
and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High king of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O heav'n's bright Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Offertory

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!

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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

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.**

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

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. For give 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

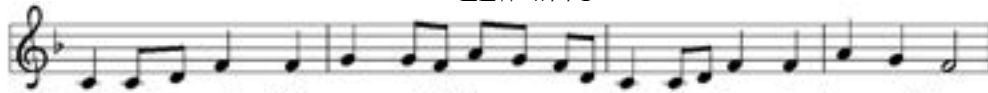
✠ SENDING ✠

*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.*

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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Sending Hymn



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do,
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835
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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

Fantasia solenne, Op. 1170

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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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.

Your Worship Leaders Today Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist..... Dr. Kris Rizzotto
Soloist Aleks Knezevich
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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:



Jim Jodie, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **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.

Returning to Worship

This past week, we began opening the weekly worship recording session to 40 people. You must register ahead of time and follow the Protocol for In-person Worship. The recording session will be 1 hour long and begins at 7:00. You will receive an email invitation on Monday morning or you may register by phoning the church office.

For those who do not feel comfortable worshipping on Thursday evenings, but would like to participate in Holy Communion, we will prepare Home Communion packets that may be picked up at the church on Thursday and Friday each week. The packet will include a glass communion cup, the worship bulletin, as well as a vial of consecrated communion wine and bread. This may be reserved through the church office for your family and may be delivered to those who are homebound.

We know that these times can be stressful, and we want to remind you that the church sanctuary is open and available for quiet time and spiritual reflection during the week. Please call the church to make an appointment if you would like to come and spend time in the sanctuary for prayer, meditation, or to light a candle in the light globe. A guided meditation folder will be available upon request.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



Benjamin Formell 8.23 Mary Abbe Hintz 8.27

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](#). He will 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, contact [Michelle McCreery](#).

Sunday School Registration is Open!

Sunday School will begin remotely starting on **September 13**. Sunday School is offered for children age 3 (by Sept 1) through 6th grade. Please complete the [Online Registration Form](#). It is also located at [loti.org](#)>Lifestyles>Sunday School Program. The information you provide will help us to connect with you and support you in ways that are meaningful to you during this time of remote Sunday School. If you need more information or have any questions, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, [Diane LaMere](#).



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