

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5, 2020

MUSIC PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING PRAISE SONG

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

RED BOOK #841

Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you
provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear
difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word,
and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead
us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING: May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Response: **Amen.**

LESSONS

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:10-12

A reading from Zechariah.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all
ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

RED BOOK, #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

Announcement Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

BORNING CRY

PURPLE BOOK #69

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your morning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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BAPTISM OF KAMELE BULLER

(Kamele and family are invited to gather near the baptismal font)

PASTOR: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to a new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents/Sponsors: We present Kamele Buller for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Pastor (*Addressing the congregation*) People of God, do you promise to support Kamele Buller and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

People: we do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Pastor: (congregation – please stand as you are comfortable)

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Creator?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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 into hell.

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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: The lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give our thanks and praise.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your spirit moved over the waters and by your word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

BAPTISM

Pastor: Kamele Buller, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Laying on of hands)

Sustain Kamele Buller with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Signing with the cross)

Pastor: Kamele Buller, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

Dee: (*presents the candle*) Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Kamele, may this candle be a reminder that Christ's light shines through you in this world.

Dana: (*presents the welcome bag with the Bible*) Psalm 119:105 reads "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Kamele, may you continue to grow with God's word in your heart. Welcome to the fellowship of faithful at the Joy of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

(*Kamele and the family facing the congregation*)

All: we welcome you, Kamele, into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative redeeming word to all the World. May God bless you and continue to nurture you to grow in God's favor and to be a witness of God's grace and God's love. (*Applause*)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After the petition: **Hear us, O God. ...**

The Congregation responds: ... **Your mercy is great. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Response: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING:

Kimberly Iese

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING:

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

ADMINISTERING OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

BLESSING *The Congregation responds: Amen.*

SENDING SONG

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

RED BOOK #888

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

DISMISSAL

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