







Welcome to St. Luke's Sunday, August 1, 2021

Our Vision: To Know God and To Make Him Known



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Processional Hymn

"Hosanna, Praise is Rising"

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You We turn to You Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day In Your presence all our fears are washed away Washed away

Chorus:

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us Worthy of all our praises Hosanna, Hosanna, Come have Your way among us We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You We turn to You In Your kingdom broken lives are made new You make us new

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit All: And blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit; All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All: One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Praise and Worship

Gracious and Compassionate

The Lord is gracious and compassionate Slow to anger and rich in love The Lord is gracious and compassionate Slow to anger and rich in love

And the Lord is good to all He has compassion in all that he has made As far as the east is from the west That's how far he has removed our transgressions from us

Praise the Lord, oh my soul Praise the Lord Praise the Lord, oh my soul Praise the Lord

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"Raise A Hallelujah"

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me Chorus: I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder

You're gonna hear my praises roar Up from the ashes hope will arise Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me (Chorus)

Ending: I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

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"The Steadfast Love of the Lord/Great is Thy Faithfulness "

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases His mercies never come to an end They are new every morning, new every morning Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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The Lessons

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:1-25 Ephesians 4:17-25

At the end of each reading the lector says: Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Sung: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 6:24-35

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

Holy Baptism

The Exhortation

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith.

Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

The Presentation

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present Joshua Caleb Springer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully.

It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul.

When he has embraced all these, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents & Godparents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith

Celebrant: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

All: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I do. 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.

Litany for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these Candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: That these children may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That all these Candidates may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That they may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

All: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Prayer for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue forever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

The Baptism

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Joshua Caleb Springer, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: Joshua, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (I Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (I John 2:1-2)

The Offertory: (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

"Your Nature"

You bring life to the barren places Light to the darkest spaces, God it's Your nature You bring joy to the broken hearted Hope to the ones who've lost it, God it's Your nature

Chorus:

There is no desert that Your streams can't run to There are no ruins that Your love won't make new You tell the wasteland that it will bloom again 'Cause it's Your nature

You will restore the years that shame has stolen You keep the promises that You have spoken I know this wasteland will be whole again 'Cause it's Your nature You bring peace to the war inside us Speak and all fear is silenced, God it's Your nature You bring joy to the broken-hearted Hope to the ones who've lost it, God it's Your nature

Bridge: Sing out O barren woman

Sing out O broken man Stretch out your hands

Believing this is your promised land

Break out of disappointment Break out of hopelessness Stretch out your hands

Believing this is your promised land

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Doxology

Sung: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below Praise him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

(We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest!

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion

"Goodness Of God"

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me All my days I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire In the darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend And I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)

Bridge: 'Cause Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

'Cause Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

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"King of My Heart"

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

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 (Chorus)

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

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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord

Pre Chorus: Our God You reign forever,

Our hope our strong Deliverer

Chorus:

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint; You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

