

Sunday, June 10, 2018  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE**

***"Prelude in C minor"***

J.S. Bach

**\*GATHERING SONG**

***"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"***

**ELW 634**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
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and crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

**\*GREETING**

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

**G** **And also with you.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

***“Glory Be to God”***

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**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** *All-powerful God,*

**G** **in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Adelaide**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve’s “offspring” with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,

cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

### **Reflection**

*For the beginning of this story, read Genesis 3:1-7, or even Genesis 2:4b-3:7, and then go on to this text. What has happened in the Garden in Eden? What did this do to the relationship between the man and the woman? (see Genesis 3:7) What did it do to the relationship they had with the Lord God? (verses 8-10) What happened when God asked them questions? (verses 11-13) Do you think they thought they could trick God? What was the result of this sin? One of the things we have learned to talk about as we talk about sin is the difference between punishment and consequences. Did the Lord God punish the serpent, and in later verses, the woman and the man? Or were these consequences of what they had done to damage the relationships? Do you think there was ever a time in human relationships when there was no sin? Why or why not?*

### **Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths  
I cry to | you, O LORD;  
<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, | hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**  
<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,  
O LORD, | who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**  
**in order that you | may be feared.**  
<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;  
in your word | is my hope.  
<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,**  
**more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**  
<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.  
<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**  
**from | all their sins.**

### **Reflection**

*I think this psalm is a response to the human condition of grappling with sin. What does the psalmist ask for? (verses 1-2) Who can bring help? (verses 3-4) Have you ever been in a situation of having done something or experienced something that you felt was drowning you? What is it like to wait for God's forgiveness? (verses 5-6) Do you think Adam and Eve (if they were real persons) could forgive each other? Think about a time when you experienced God's*

*forgiveness, or forgiveness from another person. How does God's love and forgiveness come to you through others?*

**SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Reflection**

*Paul is dealing with difficult relationships with the Corinthian congregation. He is offering and asking for forgiveness. How does he expect that this forgiveness will happen? (verses 13-15) Even though this has been a difficult time, Paul has hope. How does he experience such hope? (verse 16) Hurt feelings ("this slight momentary affliction") will give way to what? (verse 17) As you think of relationships that may have been hurt, what gives you hope for their healing? What does it mean that "we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen"? (verse 18) It is hard for me to imagine what heaven is like, partly because I love the life I have here on earth—and even when I don't love it, maybe that's even harder to imagine something different. What is Paul's assertion about "the building from God"? How does this help you in your life of faith here on earth?*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"**

**ELW 512**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**\*GOSPEL**

**Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying,

“He has gone out of his mind.”<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”<sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?<sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.<sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.<sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.<sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;<sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”<sup>33</sup> And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”<sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!<sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

### **Reflection**

*In this text, Jesus is experiencing difficult relationships with his family. What has happened? (verses 20-21) The scribes enter into this difficulty. What do they say about Jesus? (verse 22) Beelzebul is another name for Satan, “the ruler of demons.” What is Jesus’ response to them? (verses 23-26) It seems to me in this exchange Jesus has the upper hand; he either is not of Satan, but of God; or if he is of Satan (as the scribes say) it is a sign that Satan’s end has come. In either case, Jesus is the winner of this exchange! Jesus is plundering the house of Satan! But calling Jesus the lord of demons is more than just an argument against Jesus. Who are the scribes arguing against? (verses 28-29) Blasphemy is not using vulgar language. It is instead saying that God is not good but is evil. (see 1 Corinthians 12:3—no one speaking by the Holy Spirit can say Jesus is cursed, and only by the Holy Spirit can someone say Jesus is Lord.)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Kris Langdon

**SERMON**

*“Serving a Narrow Minded God”  
“Forgiveness of Sin”*

Rev. Roger Lenander

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**Adelaide**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

**☑ 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!

**\*PRAYER SONG**

*"Cares Chorus"*

I cast all my cares upon you;  
I lay all of my burdens  
down at your feet,  
And anytime that I don't know  
what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, you call your church to be one and teach us that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Overcome our separations in the body of Christ and make us one diverse family, the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, with you there is forgiveness and hope, and you love your whole creation. Help us order our lives so that human activity in your creation gives voice to hope. Empower us to bring healing in your world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you still walk among us and we still hide ourselves from you out of fear. We withdraw from strangers and those unlike ourselves, the very people you call us to love. Replace our fear with trust, remove enmity between nations, and grant us peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, your compassion continually reaches into the lives of your people. Visit with lovingkindness those experiencing afflictions of any kind *especially Klairé, Myrene, Della, Dorothy, Mary Anna, Kay*, and for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (pause for 10 seconds). Renew all of us and prepare us for glory so that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, more than those who watch for the morning, our souls wait and watch for you. In the coming months of summer, help us to be refreshed and at play, watching and waiting for you at every turn. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you raised Jesus from the dead and promise to raise us with him and bring us into his presence. We remember those who have died, and we thank you for your steadfast love and power to redeem. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**G** **And also with you!**

**OFFERTORY**

*"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

**ELW 860**

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"Give Thanks"*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks!**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** *Merciful God,*

**C** **you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**\*DIALOGUE**

**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.**

**\*PREFACE**

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full,  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** *In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**G** **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!**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** *Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.*

**\*BLESSING**

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

**G** **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** *Jesus Christ, host of this meal,*

**G** **you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on**

your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** *May God, whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,  
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.  
Almighty God, Father,  $\mp$  Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.*

**C** Amen!

**\*SENDING SONG**

*“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

ELW 537

On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

*Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** *Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.*

**C** Thanks be to God!