

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SONGS OF ASCENSION

July 15, 2018

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

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PRELUDE



WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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REFRAIN: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. **REFRAIN**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR ZANE EDWARD WILLIAM NORRIS

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

People: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
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People: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
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People: **Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;**

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HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:14–29* (Herod puts John the Baptist to death.)

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790, v. 1*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

SONG OF THE DAY “Songs of Ascension”

(ranked #4)

“A Mighty Fortress”

Nockels

**Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom**

**PRECHORUS 1: And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You**

**CHORUS: A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
With You forever we will reign**

**Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy PRE CHORUS 1, CHORUS X2**

Instrumental

**PRECHORUS 2: We will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
So we can set our hearts on You
Lord we will set our hearts on You CHORUS**

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SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all who proclaim God’s Word, that God would embolden them to speak His word of repentance and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who have not heard the message of Christ crucified and raised from the dead, that God would raise up faithful witnesses to speak His Word to all who do not believe, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who struggle to believe in Christ’s unwavering love, that the victory won by the risen Christ would pierce their darkness of doubt and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all the rulers of the world, that God would turn their hearts to His will of mercy, peace, and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the steadfast love and faithfulness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promise to hear us.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849 (tied #22)

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

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

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Just As I Am” Elliott/Moffitt/Smith/Cotrell/Batchelder-Bradbury (tied #22)

**Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**CHORUS: I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God just as I am**

**Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come I come CHORUS**

Praise God just as I am, Just as I am

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**Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.**

**And far be it from me to not believe Even when eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea**

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It is well . . .

**So let go, my soul, and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name REPEAT X3**

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**CHORUS: And it is well with my soul It is well with my soul
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(Please Stand)



BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "I Will Follow"

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life;
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**CHORUS: Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
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**Light into the world, Light into my life;
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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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**CHORUS: A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
With You forever we will reign**

**Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy PRE CHORUS 1, CHORUS X2**

Instrumental

**PRECHORUS 2: We will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
So we can set our hearts on You
Lord we will set our hearts on You CHORUS**

**With You forever we will reign
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SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all who proclaim God’s Word, that God would embolden them to speak His word of repentance and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who have not heard the message of Christ crucified and raised from the dead, that God would raise up faithful witnesses to speak His Word to all who do not believe, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who struggle to believe in Christ’s unwavering love, that the victory won by the risen Christ would pierce their darkness of doubt and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all the rulers of the world, that God would turn their hearts to His will of mercy, peace, and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the steadfast love and faithfulness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promise to hear us.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849 (tied #22)

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

LSB 209

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

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Just As I Am” Elliott/Moffitt/Smith/Cotrell/Batchelder-Bradbury (tied #22)

**Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come**

**CHORUS: I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God just as I am**

**Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come I come CHORUS**

Praise God just as I am, Just as I am

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**Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.**

**And far be it from me to not believe Even when eyes can’t see
And this mountain that’s in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well.**

It is well . . .

**So let go, my soul, and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name REPEAT X3**

The waves and wind still know His name

**CHORUS: And it is well with my soul It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. REPEAT CHORUS**

It is well, it is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me**

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "I Will Follow"

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in You alone.**

**CHORUS: Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.**

**Light into the world, Light into my life;
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find;
All I need in You alone. In You alone. CHORUS**

**In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy;
And I will follow.**

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.**

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