

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?!

“Special Delivery” Judges 3:12-30

June 12, 2016 11:00



AS WE GATHER

Both Law and Gospel; both sinner and saint; both confession and absolution. On this earth, we live with a constant tension of a “both . . . and” when it comes to who we are and what God calls us. In the Gospel, the sinful woman at the dinner party washed Jesus’ feet with her tears of repentance, and Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven.” Realizing our own sin, the breaking of God’s Law which is good and wise for our earthly lives, and recognizing our continual need of a Savior, the Lord never leaves us in our guilt and shame. In our own repentance, we find the Good News of living in a “both . . . and” state, with the last words from the Lord always being ones of hope, promise, joy, and forgiveness through Christ alone that “in Christ Jesus . . . we might receive the promised Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:14).

PRE-SERVICE “Your Everlasting Love”

B. Batstone

**Your everlasting love is higher, higher higher than the sky
Your everlasting love is higher, higher higher than the sky higher than the sky
Oh the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky**

**Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper deeper than the sea
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper deeper than the sea deeper than the sea
Oh the wonder of Your everlasting love is deeper than the sea**

**CHORUS: Higher than the heavens above
is the glory of Your wonderful love
I'm lost in the mystery of
Your everlasting love Your everlasting love**

**Your everlasting love is reaching reaching reaching out to me
Your everlasting love is reaching reaching reaching out to me, reaching out to me
Oh the wonder of Your everlasting love is reaching out to me**

CHORUS, REPEAT VERSE 1

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WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING SONG “Your Grace Is Enough”

Maher

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.**

**CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. CHORUS**

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me. CHORUS**

**CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF JONAH WILLIAM MAXFIELD LSB 268

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Your Word is a lamp to my feet
People: **And a light to my path. [Psalm 119:105]**

Pastor: These things are written that you may believe
People: **That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God [John 20:31]**

Pastor: Jesus loves me! This I know,
People: **For the Bible tells me so! [LSB 588]**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

People: **increase in us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love that we may receive the forgiveness You have promised and love what You have commanded;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Judges 3:12-30*

[12] And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the Lord. [13] He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. [14] And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. [15] Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord, and the Lord raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. [16] And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. [17] And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. [18] And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. [19] But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. [20] And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. [21] And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. [22] And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out. [23] Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them. [24] When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, "Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber." [25] And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their lord dead on the floor. [26] Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. [27] When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader. [28] And he said to them, "Follow after me, for the Lord has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over. [29] And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped. [30] So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14*

(Justified by faith apart from the Law and living by faith)

[15] We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; [16] yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. [17] But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! [18] For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. [19] For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. [20] It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [21] I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. . . [10] For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." [11] Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." [12] But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." [13] Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—[14] so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 7:36–8:3* (As a “sinful woman” humbly anoints

the feet of Jesus, she comes to learn the Gospel.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh and eighth chapters.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[36] One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. [37] And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, [38] and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. [39] Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." [40] And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." [41] "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. [42] When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" [43] Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." [44] Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. [45] You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. [46] You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. [47] Therefore I tell

you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." [48] And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." [49] Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" [50] And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." [1] Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, [2] and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, [3] and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "The Baa, Baa Song"

Chorus: Baa, baa, He's the Good Shepherd;
Ev'rywhere I go He knows.
Baa, baa, He is my Savior;
I will follow where He goes.

**Jesus loves me, Finds me, cares for me,
Watches, saves me, Leads baa-ck home. Chorus**

**I was so lost Where do I begin?
He paid the cost For my sin. Chorus**

**I was so scared; Storms would frighten me.
I will not fear; He's with me. Chorus**

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SONG OF THE DAY “We Humble Ourselves”

DuPelssis/Baloche

**You, O Lord, are a holy God; Your ways are perfect and just.
Slow to anger and abounding in love, You have shown us Your Father's heart.
But we, Your people, have turned from You; resisted Your power and grace.
Taking our lives into our hands, we have stumbled and lost our way.**

**CHORUS: So we humble ourselves before You,
And confess our unfaithfulness toward You,
Forgive our sin remove our shame,
Restore the church that bears Your name,
That revival may come to this land once again.**

REPEAT SONG, CHORUS

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SERMON “Special Delivery” Judges 3:12-30

(Please Stand)



PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ, You have made Your Church on earth to be one Body. You make no distinctions and desire a relationship with all people.

People: **Help us to see all people as those for whom Christ died on the cross.**

Pastor: Guide and bless those who lead our nation, state, and community, and protect those who keep us safe both at home and abroad.

People: **Grant them wisdom and courage to act as Your servants in this world.**

Pastor: Amid our sickness, sorrow, struggles, and pain, grant us healing, relief, and hope. Be with those we lift up to You by name, [*especially . . .*] and those we lift up in our hearts [*pause*]. In time of trial,

People: **give to them Your comfort, and sustain them and us to eternal life in Christ.**

Pastor: Give to us the boldness of Your Holy Spirit that we may not fail to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. Bless those to whom we witness,

People: **that they may be receptive to Your Spirit and come to faith in Christ our Savior.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “One Pure and Holy Passion”

M. Altrogge

**Give me one pure and holy passion. Give me one magnificent obsession.
Jesus, give me one glorious ambition for my life, to know and follow hard after You.**

**Give me one pure and holy passion. Give me one magnificent obsession.
Jesus, give me one glorious ambition for my life, to know and follow hard after You.**

**To know and follow hard after you. To grow as your disciple in the truth.
This world is empty, pale, and poor, compared to knowing you, my Lord.
Lead me on and I will run after you.**

**Give me one pure and holy passion. Give me one magnificent obsession.
Jesus, give me one glorious ambition for my life, to know and follow hard after You.**

**To know and follow hard after you. To grow as your disciple in your truth.
This world is empty, pale, and poor, compared to knowing you, my Lord.
Lead me on and I will run after you. Lead me on and I will run after you.**

Lead me on and I will run after you.

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for You choose to live in us. At Baptism, through water and the Word, You came to dwell in us. Today, the very body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, is given and shed for us. In repentance, we come before Your Table to receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Your Son on the cross of Calvary. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted , and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

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

(Sung)

**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.**

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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 "We Believe"

Hooper/Fike/Ryan

**In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear.
There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.**

**CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)**

**So let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing.
In our weakness and temptations. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

**CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud our God we'll say, We believe, we believe.
And the gates of hell will not prevail. For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

He's coming back again, He's coming back again, We believe, we believe.
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“You Make Me Lie Down in Green Pastures” *BOB 249*

**You make me lie down in green pastures, You make me wanting for nothing.
You fill my hunger with honey from Your sweet, sweet, Word;
You let me worship before You so I will love and adore You,
You are my Shepherd, You are my Jesus, You are my Lord. REPEAT**

You are my Shepherd, You are my Jesus, You are my Lord.
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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 “Our Song from Age to Age” *Sczebel*

**Oh God of power living Word
The One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth
From dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away
Poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save
To loose death's iron hold**

**CHORUS 1: You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again**

**Oh God of promises fulfilled
The God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed
Was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame
Endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name
And worship at Your feet**

**CHORUS 2: You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again
You are our song from age to age
We will proclaim Your power to save
Again and again (instrumental)**

**Oh God who surely guides our steps
Through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King Your way is best
Though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love our perfect hope
Our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt You'll lead us home
To finally see Your face CHORUS 2**

Instrumental

**Oh God of all of history
Enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see
Will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns
Before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound
For all eternity CHORUS 2**

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