

Order of Prayer and Preaching

June 30, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “Better is One Day”

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day

Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

Better is one day better is one day

Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

OPENING VERSICLES:

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

P **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

P **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

P **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

P **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

P **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

P **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE:

Refrain:

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

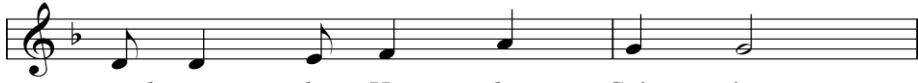


Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

+ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE +

L A reading from Lamentations, the third chapter.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Lamentations 3:22-33*

The reason I can still find hope is that I keep this one thing in mind:
the LORD's mercy.

We were not completely wiped out.

His compassion is never limited.

It is new every morning.

His faithfulness is great.

My soul can say, 'The LORD is my lot in life.

That is why I find hope in Him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to anyone who seeks help from Him.

“It is good to continue to hope and wait silently
for the LORD to save us.
It is good for people to endure burdens when they’re young.
They should sit alone and remain silent
because the LORD has laid these burdens on them.
They should put their mouths in the dust.
Maybe a reason to hope exists.
They should turn their cheeks to the one who strikes them
and take their fill of insults.

“The Lord will not reject such people forever.
Even if He makes us suffer,
He will have compassion
in keeping with the richness of His mercy.
He does not willingly bring suffering or grief to anyone.-GW®

L This is the Word of the Lord.

P **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Come As You Are”

Band

L A reading from 2nd Corinthians, the eighth chapter.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know how God showed His kindness to the churches in the province of Macedonia. While they were being severely tested by suffering, their overflowing joy, along with their extreme poverty, has made them even more generous. I assure you that by their own free will they have given all they could, even more than they could afford. They made an appeal to us, begging us to let them participate in the ministry of God’s kindness to His holy people in Jerusalem. They did more than we had expected. First, they gave themselves to the Lord and to us, since this was God’s will. This led us to urge Titus to finish his work of God’s kindness among you in the same way as he had already started it.

Indeed, the more your faith, your ability to speak, your knowledge, your dedication, and your love for us increase, the more we want you to participate in this work of God’s kindness.

I’m not commanding you, but I’m testing how genuine your love is by pointing out the dedication of others. You know about the kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor in order to make you rich through His poverty. -GW®

L This is the Word of the Lord.

P **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter:

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 5:21-43*

Jesus again crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee in a boat. A large crowd gathered around Him by the seashore.

A synagogue leader named Jairus also arrived. When he saw Jesus, he quickly bowed down in front of Him. He begged Jesus, "My little daughter is dying. Come, lay Your hands on her so that she may get well and live."

Jesus went with the man. A huge crowd followed Jesus and pressed Him on every side

In the crowd was a woman who had been suffering from chronic bleeding for twelve years. Although she had been under the care of many doctors and had spent all her money, she had not been helped at all. Actually, she had become worse. Since she had heard about Jesus, she came from behind in the crowd and touched His clothes. She said, "If I can just touch His clothes, I'll get well." Her bleeding stopped immediately. She felt cured from her illness.

At that moment Jesus felt power had gone out of Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched My clothes?"

His disciples said to Him, "How can You ask, 'Who touched Me,' when You see the crowd pressing You on all sides?"

But He kept looking around to see the woman who had done this. The woman trembled with fear. She knew what had happened to her. So she quickly bowed in front of Him and told Him the whole truth.

Jesus told her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace! Be cured from your illness."

While Jesus was still speaking to her, some people came from the synagogue leader's home. They told the synagogue leader, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher anymore?"

When Jesus overheard what they said, He told the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid! Just believe."

Jesus allowed no one to go with him except Peter and the two brothers James and John. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a noisy crowd there. People were crying and sobbing loudly. When He came into the house, He asked them, "Why are you making so much noise and crying? The child isn't dead. She's just sleeping."

They laughed at Him. So He made all of them go outside. Then He took the child's father, mother, and His three disciples and went to the child. Jesus took the child's hand and said to her, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, I'm telling you to get up!"

The girl got up at once and started to walk. (She was twelve years old.) They were astonished.

Jesus ordered them not to let anyone know about this. He also told them to give the little girl something to eat.-GW®

RESPONSORY:

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
P **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
P **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
P **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: APOSTLES' CREED

- P** 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.

LORD'S PRAYER:

- P** 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.

SERMON SONG: “His Mercy is More”

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

MESSAGE: ***“Excuse Me!”***

SONG OF THE DAY: “Your Grace Finds Me”

Verse 1

It's there in the newborn cry
There in the light of ev'ry sunrise
There in the shadows of this life
Your great grace
It's there on the mountain top
There in the ev'ryday and the mundane
There in the sorrow and the dancing
Your great grace, O such grace

Chorus 1

From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me, Yes Your grace finds me

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Verse 2

It's there on a wedding day
There in the weeping by the graveside
There in the very breath we breathe
Your great grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace, O such grace

Chorus 2

From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me, Yes Your grace finds me
There in the darkest night of the soul
There in the sweetest songs of victory
Your grace finds me, Yes Your grace finds me

Bridge

Your great grace O such grace
Your great grace O such grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace O such grace
Oh...

Chorus 3

So I'm breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever God forever God

Ending

It's the same for the saint and the sinner
It's enough for this whole wide world
Yes Your grace finds me, Yes Your grace finds me

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
P **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

- L** Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- P** **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD:

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

L Let us bless the Lord.

P Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

P Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Let Me Count the Ways"

Verse 1

How many times Lord have I been cared for
Every step You've been with me
So many moments I have been broken
Only to find You could fix me

Chorus

Let me count the ways
Let me count the days that You have been faithful
Let me count the ways
Let me count the days that You have been faithful

Verse 2

All of my shortfalls all of my bad calls
All of my wrongs met with mercy
I don't deserve it but You say I'm worth it
Again and again You forgive me

Bridge

Let me count the ways, Let me count the days
Let me count the ways that You have been faithful

Verse 3

There is no end to the times You will rescue
One of Your own from despair
And Lord I know this 'cause I am a witness
To all of the times You've been there

POSTLUDE

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Eric Vega

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Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez

Preacher/Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Crucifer...Adam Vega

Crucifer...Reenie Long

9:30...Sheri and Tom Esswein

Children's Message...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Keyboard...Kevin Bowers

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If You're a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany's fillable information form.



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DONATE TO BETHANY'S FLOWER FUND!

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
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** If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please use this form to let us know of your donation **for a specific Sunday date** and what the significance of that donation is. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete this form at least **2 weeks prior** to that date, so that information regarding your donation can be printed in the Sunday bulletin for the date requested.

Sign up to donate to Bethany's Altar Flower Fund, please use this URL:

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The Music Ministry of Bethany Lutheran announces Trinity Alwood as this year's Music Ministry Grant Award recipient. Trinity will be a senior this fall at CSULB, pursuing a degree in K-12 Vocal and Choral Music Education. Bethany and Holy Cross campuses have been blessed by her musical gifts in worship services on piano and vocals. She is also one of Bethany Music Academy's much-loved piano instructors. God has filled Trinity with His good gifts of music; we are blessed to watch Him at work in her.

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Beutel Scholarship Grant awards for academic year 2024-2025 have been awarded to Lilian Alwood and Soren Widmann. These Concordia University, Nebraska students continue their preparation for full-time careers as church workers in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. In August, Lily will begin her final year of studies at CUNE, after which she will attend one of our LCMS Seminaries for deaconess vocational training. Soren, a junior this fall, continues his undergraduate studies in CUNE's Pre-Seminary Program. God has called each of these Bethany young adults to do His work in our church, and we look forward to watching His good plan unfold in each of them.

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