

October 13, 2024

PRELUDE: "Allegretto fr. Sonata No. 4 in Bb Major, Op. 65"
~Felix Mendelssohn

Organ

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION AND EXHORTATION:

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: who made heaven and earth.

L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

P: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

L: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

L: 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 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.

P: **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

SONG OF PRAISE: “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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

Search for the Lord and live!

If you don't, He will spread like a fire through the house of Joseph and burn it down.

Bethel will have no one to put it out.

You, Israel, turn justice into poison and throw righteousness on the ground.

Israel, you hate anyone who speaks out against injustice.

You are disgusted by anyone who speaks the truth.

You trample on the poor

and take their wheat from them for taxes.

That is why you build houses from hand-cut stones, but you will not live in them.

You plant beautiful vineyards, but you will not drink their wine.

I know that your crimes are numerous and your sins are many.

You oppress the righteous by taking bribes.

You deny the needy access to the courts.

That is why a wise person remains silent at such times, because those times are so evil.

Search for good instead of evil so that you may live.
Then the Lord God of Armies will be with you, as you have said.
Hate evil and love good.
Then you will be able to have justice in your courts.
Maybe the Lord God of Armies
will have pity on the faithful few of Joseph.-GW®

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 3:12-19*

Be careful, brothers and sisters, that none of you ever develop a wicked, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn. After all, we will remain Christ's partners only if we continue to hold on to our original confidence until the end.

Scripture says,

“If you hear God speak today, don't be stubborn.
Don't be stubborn like those who rebelled.”

Who heard God and rebelled? All those whom Moses led out of Egypt rebelled. With whom was God angry for 40 years? He was angry with those who sinned and died in the desert. Who did God swear would never enter His place of rest? He was talking about those who didn't obey Him. So we see that they couldn't enter His place of rest because they didn't believe.-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 tenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 10:17-22*

As Jesus was coming out to the road, a man came running to Him and knelt in front of Him. He asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: Never murder. Never commit adultery. Never steal. Never give false testimony. Never cheat. Honor your father and mother."

The man replied, "Teacher, I've obeyed all these commandments since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. He told him, "You're still missing one thing. Sell everything you have. Give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then follow Me!"

When the man heard that, he looked unhappy and went away sad, because he owned a lot of property. -GW®

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON SONG: "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Verse 1

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood...
He has brought us nigh to God

Verse 2

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood...
He presents our souls to God

Verse 3

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with His blood...
Soon will bring us home to God

Verse 4

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood...
Has secured our way to God

Verse 5

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood...
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

SERMON: "CONNECTED: to hold firmly and diligently to one another" (Heb.3:12-19)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: Blessed are You, Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

**** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 13 with Announcements.*

**** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:*

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

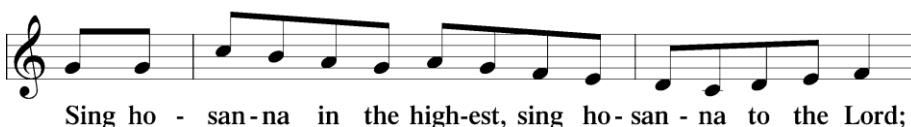
P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

P: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI:

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

P: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

Band

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS/SONGS:

“We will Feast in the House of Zion”

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

“Your Table I Approach”

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1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

L: Let us pray,

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

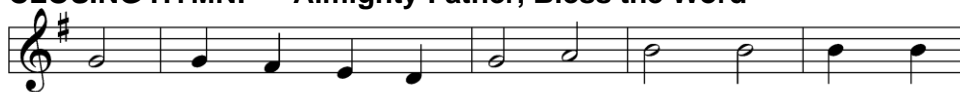
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

P: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 Δ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

POSTLUDE: "Epilogue" ~Healey Willan

Organ

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 9:30...Alice Kienitz
Lector 8:00...Greg Goebel
Liturgist...Karl Fink
Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley
Organist...Robert Bottoms

Crucifer 9:30...Reenie Long
9:30...Barbara and Neal Hasty
Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake
Keyboard...Noah Freeman
Children's Message...Karl Fink

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