



**THROUGH THE**  
*Waters*  
**SERMON SERIES**

**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages”

arr. Gordon Mayo

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Rock of Ages”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: As we gather for worship this morning, we do so in the name of the Father,

**C: Who loved us and sent His Son to set us free.**

P: In the name of His Son, Jesus,

**C: Whose sacrifice gives us freedom and peace.**

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**C: Who brings us to faith and sustains our faith through the working of water and the Word. Amen.**

P: Shout for joy, all the earth;

**C: Sing the glory of His name; give to him glorious praise!**

P: All the earth worships You and sings praise to You;

**C: They sing praises to Your name.**

P: Come and see what God has done:

**C: He is awesome in His deeds towards the children of man.**

P: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

**C: There we rejoiced in Him, who rules by His might forever.**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He has done for my soul.

**C: Thanks be to God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P: The Apostle Paul asks, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may abound? How can we who died to sin still live in it?”
- C: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children and fail to place our faith and trust in You.**
- P: “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”
- C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Help us value the water of our Baptism and the Word of God. Give us strength and faith in our ongoing troubles. Amen.**
- P: The Apostle Paul wrote that we were once foolish, disobedient, and led astray to various passions and pleasure, but when the good and loving kindness of God, our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing and regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, so that being justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Jesus said if anyone thirsts, let them come to Him and drink.
- C: Whoever believes in Him, as Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**
- P: Fellow baptized children of God, we have been justified by God’s grace through faith in His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. From Him, we have received the living water, which lives in us and flows out of us to all who would believe. Therefore, it is my great pleasure as a fellow disciple to tell you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

**RESPONSE “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 14:15-25 [ESV]**

The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 [ESV]**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

SERMON “GOD INTERVENES”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

arr. John Behnke

*Organ*

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Rock of Ages”

*Organ*

arr. Robert Hobby

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## BENEDICTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## POSTLUDE

“Prelude in E Minor”

*Organ*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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