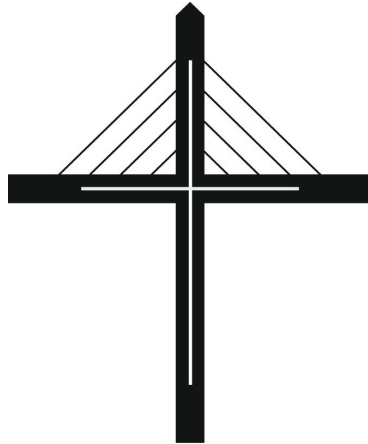


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Just As You Are!**



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July 12, 2020

**Memorial Lutheran Church
Sunday July 12- 11 am**

Gather

Welcome and Greeting

Song “The Numberless Gifts of God’s Mercies” spoken ELW 683 v1

The numberless gifts of God’ mercies my tongue cannot fathom or tell. Like dew that appears in the morning, they come to us shining and full. The numberless gifts of God’s mercies my tongue cannot fathom or tell.

Litany of Confession and prayer

P. Let us confess...

C. Father, I confess that what I want is for my heart to be made whole and my life to be integrated. I confess that I want the freedom and the restoration of my strength through the integration of the whole person. And I invite you to do it. I invite you to partner with me to become a person who astonishes you because we are united in love and I’ve learned to do nothing apart from you.

Father, I agree with your relentless love, your relentless pursuit—that you will stop at nothing to continue to open the doorway to invite me home, for me to give access to you to the whole man, to be made whole and holy.

Father, I confess the parts of me that have yet to yield to you, that are resistant, and I give you the shame and the fear and the disappointment and the hurt. I give you my belief in life being found in self-determination and self-reliance, and I say your love is greater still—your love is stronger than death. I ask that you would shine your light, that you would expose every place in me that has yet to come home to you as my good Father.

Jesus, Holy Spirit, Father, I receive you afresh today, and your inextinguishable life. I receive your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in the Kingdom of heaven. I arise once again to trust you in your mighty strength, uniting my heart with your heart.

Jesus, I ask that you break every limit I’ve placed on who you can be, what you can do, and how you can do it. I ask for your forgiveness for those limits, and I say break them in your power and in your name. I say instead that I am rooted and established in your love. It is infinite, ever-present, and always flowing.

P. Father, I name that you care about us, that we matter to you, that you are the one who sees us. We receive you afresh in this place. We ask that you make us good soil, even though we say we want more. we ask that you would dismantle the self-promotion, self-protection, self-reliance; that you would dismantle the self and restore the true

person, making us whole and holy by your love. We give you permission to our body, our soul, and our spirit.

C. I receive your inheritance. You have given me unlimited resources. That is my inheritance, and I claim it, I receive it. I ask that you would help me to access it more: your favor, your life—to accept it and receive it.

Through your death, your resurrection, and your ascension, I choose union with you. Forgive me for trying to arrange so many things to feel good. You alone are contentment, and so I choose you to be my place of contentment. And I choose to receive that smile of the Holy Spirit that says you alone bring true joy.

I am an unfinished person, but I choose today to give all of me to all of you. I accept your acceptance of me. I choose to live in the present moment. I ask for a wise and discerning heart. I unite my heart with your heart. I choose to listen to your voice. I receive your peace that passes understanding. I receive your courage, I receive your strength, I receive your joy. I love you. I trust you. I choose to become good soil. You have my yes. Amen.

Song “Lord let my heart be good soil”—WT ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the see of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

when my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Prayer

A. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Word

Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹²You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

Romans 8:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

Life Through the Spirit

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of ^e his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel Acclamation

C. Your pathways overflow with plenty. The word is very near to you it is in your mouth and in your heart. Alleluia

Matthew 13:1-9

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Children's Message

Message

Piano Solo – Carol Topolski – “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

Prayers of people Sundays and Seasons

A. Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us, by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Father of us all, heal the racism in our hearts and in our land. Make us mindful of what we say and what we do to honor, respect, love and understand each other. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Abiding God, care for all who are in need especially: Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Phyllis Ballas, Kathryn Robert, Jacob Gulch, Don Gurwell, David Poulson, Joanne Hummel, Diane Swartz, Owen Anthony, Tom & Betsy Naveaux, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, **Members of our military:** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, Reid Leslie.. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

P. "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: '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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

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

Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you with his grace.

C: Amen

Sent

Song "Come As You Are-David: Crowder (Carols version)

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been come broken hearted; let rescue
begin

Come find your mercy; Oh, sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't
heal.

Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, Lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home; You're not too far. So lay down your hurt,
Lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, Rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, Lift up your face. Oh, wanderer, come home; You're not too far. So lay down your hurt, Lay down your heart, come as you are.

Come as you are. Fall in his arms.
There's joy in the mourning. O Sinner be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cant' heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, Lift up your face. Oh, wanderer, come home; You're not too far. So lay down your hurt, Lay down your heart; come as you are. Come as you are.

Blessing

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!