

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

PRELUDE: CHILD OF LOVE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

Verse 2

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia**

**Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

Verse 3

**Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia**

**Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

Ending

**O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia**

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☒ Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

☒ The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27-28; Colossians 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 5:2-4; 1 Corinthians 15:53-54, and Philippians 4:8

☒ The New Testament reading is selected verses from Romans, Galatians, Colossians, 2nd Corinthians, 1st Corinthians and Philippians.*

ROM 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

GAL 3:27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

COL 3:9b ...you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.



*INTRODUCTION TO THE 2nd LESSON(S): "Clothed in Christ," what does this mean?

To the churches in Rome, Galatia, Colossae, Philippi, and Corinth, St. Paul describes the newness we have in baptism – that in our baptism into Christ, we have clothed ourselves with Christ, therefore, we walk in newness of life. What does that mean? The following verses offer us insight: Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 5:2-4; 1 Corinthians 15:53-54, and Philippians 4:8, All passages are from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.

GAL 3:28 There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

COL 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

2 COR 5:2 For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling — ³if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

1 COR 15:53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

PHIL 4:8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

⬆️ **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ▶

¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

⬆️ **SONG OF THE DAY: HOLY WATER**

Verse 1

**God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You
Oh I need You**

**Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You**

Chorus

**Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)**

Verse 2

**Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You
Oh God I need You**

**So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh**

Chorus

**Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)**

Bridge (4x)

**I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change**

▶

Chorus (2x)

**Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)**

Ending

**Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water**

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THE BAPTISM OF OLIVIA SUZANNE MILBURN PRESENTATION

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Olivia Suzanne Milburn in her new life in Christ?
C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

RESPONSE: I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God

RESPONSE: I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

RESPONSE: I renounce them.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C 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.

BAPTISM of Olivia Suzanne Milburn

- P** Olivia Suzanne Milburn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
C Amen.

SIGNING THE CROSS & GIVING OF THE LIGHT

- P** Olivia Suzanne, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
C Amen.

- C/P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

- P** Let us welcome Olivia.
C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer." When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH
or at home with your household**

*Please approach the altar as directed by an usher.
You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it
into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice.
Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.
(including Gluten-free versions)*

COMMUNION SONG: TRUE COLORS**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION**

- ☞** The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

- ☞ Amen.**

SENDING SONG: LEFT IT IN THE WATER*Verse 1*

**Everything I was
Everything I've been
God I've got my regrets
I was a wretched man

But You called me on down to the water
Met me by the riverside
You took me in You drowned my sin
And said dead man come alive**

Chorus

**(Then) (Yeah) I left it in the water
My yesterdays are history
(Yeah) I left it in the water
Like I went down dirty but I came up clean
Left it (left it) left it (left it)
Left it in the water**

Verse 2

**God I still got my struggles
But You're close to the broken heart
Lord even when I'm falling
I'm falling in mercy's arms

You found me on my Damascus
And blinded me with Your light
You took me in drowned my sin
Said dead man come alive**

*Chorus*

**(Then) (Yeah) I left it in the water
My yesterdays are history
(Yeah) I left it in the water
Like I went down dirty but I came up clean
Left it (left it) left it (left it)
Left it in the water**

Bridge

**I am born again
I have been made whole
Nothing but the blood
Washing over my soul

Glory hallelujah
Let this signify
All that You have done for me
Lord I got to testify**

Chorus

**(Then) (Yeah) I left it in the water
My yesterdays are history
(Yeah) I left it in the water
Like I went down dirty but I came up clean
Left it (left it) left it (left it)
Left it in the water**

Tag (2x)

**Left it (left it) left it (left it)
Left it in the water**

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DISMISSAL

- ☞** Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

- ☞ Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE