



“SUMMER SERIES: PSALM 23”

Sunday, August 2, 2020 9:00AM

Worship Service

AS WE GATHER

When it comes to summarizing the Psalms, Luther probably said it best, “The Psalter out to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: It promises Christ’s death and resurrection so clearly – and pictures His Kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom – that it might well be called a little Bible.” We continue our look this day at arguably the most well-known Psalm – Psalm 23.

Sit

OPENING HYMN

“In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

1 In Thee is gladness
 Amid all sadness,
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By Thee are given
 The gifts of heaven,
 Thou the true Redeemer art.
 Our souls Thou wakest,
 Our bonds Thou breakest;
 Who trusts Thee surely
 Has built securely;
 He stands forever: Alleluia!
 Our hearts are pining
 To see Thy shining,
 Dying or living
 To Thee are cleaving;
 Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,
 We fear no powers,
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.
 He sees and blesses
 In worst distresses;
 He can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story
 Tell of His glory
 With hearts and voices;
 All heav’n rejoices
 In Him forever: Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness,
 Triumph o’er sadness,
 Love Him and praise Him
 And still shall raise Him
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For heavenly peace amid the earthly trials of life and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace between the nations and that the work of the Church prospers, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all here assembled to worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness and receive the blessings of His grace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For ears to hear the Word of life and hearts that find contentment in Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For unity and peace that strife does not distract or hinder us from the work of God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That Your will be done on earth as in heaven, that we rest in Your peace and quietness, and that You defend us against all our adversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O blessed Lord, You are hidden in things simple and ordinary, but Your grace is never anything less than miraculous. Grant to us grace that we recognize Your hand of blessing supplying us all that we need for this body and life and for our eternal salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us to receive them with gratitude and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

READING

Matthew 14:13–21

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 14.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN of the DAY

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me

The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

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SERMON

“You Prepare a Table!”

Psalm 23

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Hungry and thirsty we come to You, O Lord, and we pray You to supply us with all things needful to this body and life, and to teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With restless hearts we come to You, O Lord, and we pray that by faith we rest our hopes, dreams, anxieties, and needs upon Your everlasting arms and find contentment and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Knowing that You have established Your Church by Your Word and Spirit and endowed her with the Means of Grace, we pray for those who serve us in Your name: for [name], our Synod President; [name], our District President; and for our pastors and church workers. Raise up those who will follow in their footsteps and serve You faithfully on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Knowing that all power is Yours both in heaven and on earth, we thank You for all the blessings bestowed upon us in this nation and for those who govern for the protection of the weak, the punishment of the evildoer, and the encouragement of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Broken and wounded, we come to You, O Lord, for healing, comfort, and consolation. Hear us on behalf of all those who cry to You in any need, [*especially . . . and those we name in our hearts*], that Your gracious will be done and all be preserved in affliction and raised to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Mindful of the poor and those who struggle with daily needs, we ask You, O Lord, to grant us the good fruits of the earth and the fruits of our honest labors to supply what we need and for the poor, the needy, and the unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Local concerns may be added here.

P Bidden by Your Word, we come as Your baptized people to feast upon the very flesh of Christ in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we receive these holy gifts in faith and manifest the full fruits of repentance in lives of faith and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which

is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, 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 for the forgiveness of sins.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.

Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,

Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord of mercy, in the simple things of this mortal life You have revealed Your grace and mercy, but only in the mystery and miracle of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have You shown Your greatest love and redemption. Open our eyes to Your mercies new each morning, and give us faith so that we will endure through the passing days until the eternal day dawns and we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Father, We Thank Thee”

LSB 652

1 Father, we thank Thee who hast planted
Thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the pow’r, be Thine the praise.

2 Watch o’er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it,
Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy Church be gathered
Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

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