



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

20th Sun. after Pentecost

Service of the Word

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshipers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" [*Children walk in with Pastor Mary as we sing*]

1 Jesus loves me! this I know/ for the Bible tells me so;/ little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died/ heaven's gates to open wide;/ he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

WELCOME/CHILDREN SING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY God of forgiveness, **David betrayed your commandments and committed terrible crimes. Yet even his horrific sins were not too much for you to forgive. Reminds us of the value of confessing our sins to you, and how you hear and forgives. Amen.** Narrative Lectionary Programs 1 22-23 Worship resources Copyright © 2022 Clergy Stuff, amended by Pastor Mary Eide

GROWING

David, son of Jesse, born of Bethlehem, becomes king of Israel. God has chosen David over the former king, Saul, because David has a true heart for God. God has blessed all that King David does, and he has everything a man could need or desire...or, so it would seem. Choosing not to go out on the battlefield with his army, the King walks outside on his home's room. Listen to how this man

whom God has chosen, and who truly loves God, sins greatly. His sin, like our own sin, has a ripple effect of impacting the lives of many people. A reading from the 2nd Book of the Prophet Samuel, from chapters 11 and 12.

¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

NOTE: King David tried various plans to prevent anyone from knowing of his sinful deeds. In a last ditch effort to do so, he conspires with the leader of his army to leave Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, in a position on the battlefield where he will certainly be killed.

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. ^{12: 1} But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord. And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

KIDS MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

REFLECTION Psalm 51 *King David's plea for divine forgiveness (Please respond with **bold text**)*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,**

so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Narrative Lectionary Programs 1 22-23 Worship

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GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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

*Or, He descended to the dead.

* OFFERING PRAYER Generous God, **we offer ourselves to you, imperfect as we are, to serve as you direct us. Accept us and these, our humble gifts, for your work in the world.**

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* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **ALL: You hear our prayer.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Remembering that you are never alone on your walk through this world, feel the freedom of having the Holy Spirit within you, your Savior beside you, and your divine Father reaching out to you. Know you go into God's world blessed by God the Father, Son, and † Holy Spirit, now and forever **Amen.**

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* CLOSING LITANY

We have all that we need. **Still we want what others have.**

Worse, we want them to lose it, **So that we can have it instead,**

Which is the very definition of "covet." **Return our attention to what is ours.**

Give us a heart of gratitude, O God, **That we might seek the well-being of our neighbors,**

And share out of our abundance, **So all might be satisfied**

Now go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HALLOWEEN BUCKETS \$5 to raise funds for *ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Ian* Before and after worship 10/16 and 10/23 (as long as supplies last)
Our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation students are raising these funds to help with the immediate and long-term needs of those impacted by Hurricane Ian. This is another effort within our congregation to Grow Generosity in all Generations.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 6:30pm Monday (Packets available in your church mailbox)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wed. 10/26th at 10am in the basement. Copies available in the Gathering Place or via email to Pr. Mary meide@luthersem.edu

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 10/30/22 Please come and share in the Faith Milestone of these Confirmation students, and hear their Faith Statements.

SCHEDULE

Today	8:45-9:45am - Sunday School
	10:00am - Worship
	11:00am - Fellowship in basement
Monday	6:30pm - Church Council meeting in Library
	7pm - AA Meeting
Tuesday	4-6pm - Food Pantry
Wednesday	10am - Bible Study (come and join us!!) Copies of study at WELCOME desk
	3:20-4:30 - 7 th -8 th Gr. Confirmation Class
	6pm - Autumn Fest meeting
Friday:	10am-Noon - Food Pantry
Saturday	Heltne – Young Wedding
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	10:00am - Confirmation Worship

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There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

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but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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