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the LOVE of Christ

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Sunday,  
August 29

8:30am



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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation in gratitude of Ellen Goodwin's service to St. John.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex or call the church office.*

***Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.***

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am**

<b>Deacon</b>	Suzanne Repavich
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**Prelude**

“Praeludium”

Seeger

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P We are gathered today in the name of the holy Trinity, † one God.

C **Amen.**

P If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name, I would call it a moment for truth telling - a moment to pause, to reflect, to be honest about the places we want to grow, and the way we need God's help.

P Family of faith, there is power in honesty. We worship a loving and gracious God. Join with me as we pray to God, together.

P Gracious God,

C **We speak without listening.**

P We assume without knowing.

C **We offer without asking, and rush without waiting.**

P You know when we are careless with our thoughts, words, and deeds.

C **We do not always love what you love.**

P You are God. We are not.

C **Forgive us for assuming and rushing.**

P Forgive us when we are careless with the things you love.

C **Help us learn from our mistakes.**

P Help us to forgive others with the mercy you show us.

C **Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting: you are † forgiven!

P Hear the good news of the gospel:

C **Every day is a new day for love.**

**We are claimed.**

**We are forgiven.**

**We are invited into relationship.**

**Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end! Amen.**

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

Text by: Isaac Watts. Tune by: William Croft. Public Domain.

**Verse 1** O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

**Verse 2** Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

**Verse 3** Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

**Verse 4** A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, we don't always know how to pray, but you find us anyway. We don't always know how to listen, but you are speaking, all the same. We don't always know how to believe, but you surround us with beauty. You hold us together in love. Sometimes, our lives are full of distractions and noise. Come to us in this space. Be in the words we hear today, and in the way we listen to one another.

**C** **Amen.**

**Special Music**

“How Beautiful”  
Ellen Goodwin & Kristen Vorrier

Paris

**Psalm 85:8-13** *(read responsively)*

**D** A reading from the 85th Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Our ears are open.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!  
C **Thanks be to God!**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

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*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

### \*Gospel

**John 5:1-9**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifth chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Soon another Feast came around and Jesus was back in Jerusalem. Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there was a pool, in Hebrew called *Bethesda*, with five alcoves. Hundreds of sick people—blind, crippled, paralyzed—were in these alcoves. One man had been an invalid there for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him stretched out by the pool and knew how long he had been there, he said, “Do you want to get well?”

The sick man said, “Sir, when the water is stirred, I don’t have anybody to put me in the pool. By the time I get there, somebody else is already in.” Jesus said, “Get up, take your bedroll, start walking.” The man was healed on the spot. He picked up his bedroll and walked off.

That day happened to be the Sabbath. The Jews stopped the healed man and said, “It’s the Sabbath. You can’t carry your bedroll around. It’s against the rules.”

P The gospel of our Lord.  
C **Praise to you O Christ.**

# Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

\*Hymn of the Day

# 785

## **"When Peace like a River"**

Text by: Horatio G. Spafford. Tune by: Philip P. Bliss. Public Domain.

**Verse 1**           When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like a sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain**           It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Verse 2**           Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

**Repeat Refrain**

**Verse 3**           He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

**Repeat Refrain**

**Verse 4**           Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul.

**Repeat Refrain**

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

## **Blessings for Ellen Goodwin**

## **Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community**

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.  
You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

## **Prayers of the Church**

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**P** Trusting in Christ, sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Response (sing):*

**Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;  
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **\*Sharing the Peace**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with others. Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.  
Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving,  
and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.*



## Offertory

“How Great Thou Art”

Hine

*Each week in our worship you are invited to give to the mission and ministry of this church, by your involvement and/or your financial gifts. When you give, you are not only supporting this congregation, but you are offering to the broader community--leaning in, asking the hard questions, choosing connection, choosing generosity.*

*It is these small acts of care, connection, and love that can help heal the hurt in the world. You may place your offerings and attendance sheets in the basket as you come to communion, or at the doors of the Sanctuary when you leave worship.*

*Let us give with our grateful hearts.*

## \*Offertory Response

# 674, Vs. 3

### “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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**Verse 3** Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God, Immanuel, everywhere!

**Refrain** Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
**Twice** Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. **God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

**\*Words of Institution**

## \*The 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.

## \*Invitation to Communion

P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.  
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

*There are two ways to receive communion today:*

### **Receiving Communion in your pew**

*You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Receiving Communion at the altar**

- *You will be invited forward by the pastor.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the elements of bread and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

## Communion Music

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”  
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Holden  
Watts

## \*Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

### \*Benediction

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

## \*Sending Song

# 618 Vs. 1

### “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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**Verse 1** Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

“Fughetta in C”

Buxtehude