



Summer 2023

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9, 2023

*FOR THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU, FOR YOUR CHILDREN,
AND FOR ALL WHO ARE FAR AWAY, EVERYONE WHOM THE
LORD OUR GOD CALLS*
ACTS 2:39

FILLED BY GOD'S SPIRIT - SERVING IN TODAY'S WORLD



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INTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

CONFESSION

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen

SONG:: WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

1.You were the Word at the beginning. One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

**What a beautiful Name it is (x2)
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus**

2.You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

**What a wonderful Name it is (x2)
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus. What a wonderful Name it is. The Name of Jesus**

3. Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring. The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again You have no rival. You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names

**What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against**

**What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus x3**

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PRAYER OF DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,,,, be with you all.

And also with you.

READING: ROMANS 7:15-25

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 10th Chapter

Glory to you O Lord

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you O Christ

MESSAGE: OUR CORE VALUES: INTERDEPENDENCE

SONG: HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

2. And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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APOSTLES 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God
Your mercy is great

SHARING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Lord remember us...

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**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

SONG: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God. When I in awesome wonder. Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art**

2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

3. And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

4. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God!

KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. James 5:13 (NRSV)

- **Lola Weedon, Justin Gingeske, Diane Ebeling, Bev Currier, Russell Dawson, Emily Freely, Joanne Paras, Dick Peterson, Mabel Rapp, Carl Swenson, and Carolyn Swenson for healing**
- **Our homebound- Chris Mancinelli, Fong Yee, Helga Schalpe, Bill Culver, Eleanor Willert**
- **For Peace in Ukraine, Russia, and the Sudan**
- **For Operation Warm Heart at Zion Lutheran Church in Rahway– that the city will allow it to reopen next year.**
- **For an end to mass gun violence**

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Seafarers International House (SIH) is the Lutheran response to the urgent needs of vulnerable seafarers and immigrants since 1873. SIH offers hospitality, social assistance, and advocacy in maritime ports on the Eastern Seaboard and Albany. The Christmas at Sea program provides Christmas gifts for those who are away from their families at Christmas. Following in that tradition Holy Cross and Calvary will celebrate Christmas in July with a collection of items to be sent to SIH in NYC for inclusion in their Christmas satchels distributed by port chaplains.

The items requested for each satchel are: All items must be new

(1) hooded or plain sweatshirt. Size medium or large

(3 pr.) Warm socks (wool or acrylic)

(1) Can of nuts

Any type of wrapped chocolate or candy

In the narthex is a Christmas tree which has a tag with items listed. Take the tag with the item you will purchase. If you wish to purchase all the items listed, please take a plastic satchel bag and return by July 30th.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone Number / Email Address _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ☐ Visitor
- ☐ New to Area
- ☐ Would like a visit
- ☐ Would like a call
- ☐ Would like to know more about Holy Cross
- ☐ Would like to receive email updates from Holy Cross *(please reply to confirmation email)*



NEXT WEEK:
SUNDAY, JULY 16TH 9:30 AM

Our Core values: Generosity: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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