



Worship Service
Sunday, July 12, 2020
10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Word of God

*The word of God is source and seed
The word of God is breath and life
The word of God is flesh and grace
Who comes to sing... to laugh and cry*

*Chorus: So let the Spirit touch and mend
and rouse your dry bones from the grave and
dare to be as Jesus was who came to live and love and die*

*The word of God is source and seed
It comes to die and sprout and grow
So make your dark earth welcome warm
Root deep the grain God bent to sow
The word of God is breath and life
It comes to heal and wake and save
So let the Spirit touch and mend
and rouse your dry bones from the grave
The word of God is flesh and grace
who comes to sing, to laugh and cry
So dare to be as Jesus was
who came to live and love and die*

GATHERING SONG *Rock of Ages*

**There is no rock; There is no god like our God
No other name worthy of all our praise
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true
There is no rock; there is no god like ours**

Chorus: **Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock
There is no rock; there is no god like ours**

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE *Praise*

**There's a song creation's singing
And it sounds throughout the universe
It's our longing for You, Jesus
It's an anthem telling of Your Worth**

Chorus:

**Praise, when the sun is rising
Praise, when the day is fading
Praise, when the stars are shining
O, God, we wait
We wait on You**

**God our hearts are yearning for You
Like the watchmen waiting for the dawn
And our eyes are turned towards You
For the day when You return
Until that day we'll sing**

Chorus

WORD

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We sing our prayers today. You are invited to share the prayers you lift to God during livestream worship.

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

***Chorus: Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood***

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil**

(We pray...)

Chorus

(We pray...)

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MEAL

We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.

We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you.

If you are gathered together with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.

Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God's community across time and space - this is why we call it communion. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

+ + *Receive the Meal* + +

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

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in steadfast love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Thankful with Seasons of Love*

I like to think about the goodness of the Lord
He gives me everything I need and so much more
So, I just wanna lift my hands
and say that I love Him
I just wanna lift my heart in praise

And I wanna be thankful
I wanna be grateful
I wanna remember everything that the Lord has done
I wanna be thankful
I wanna be grateful
I wanna be
I wanna be
I wanna be

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets; In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, a year in the life?

How about love?

How about love?

How about love?

Measure in love
Seasons of love
Seasons of love

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

*See you next week for worship live-streamed
at 5pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday!*

*We continue sharing in virtual communion. Please call/email the
church office if you need elements brought to you.*



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Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. We have updated a guideline for worship and all church activities for Phase 3, available on our email blast and church website. Please check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns.

Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!