



Cannon River and Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches  
*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
July 26, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

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L: The Light shines in the darkness. **C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

***Open Our Eyes***

Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
*(Repeat)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

L: Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GREETING**

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L: 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ***Breathe***

This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me  
This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me

And I I'm desperate for You  
And I I'm lost without You  
I'm lost without You  
I'm lost without You  
This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe

And I I'm desperate for You  
And I I'm lost without You  
(Repeat)

## **GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 13:13-33, 44-52**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **SERMON**

**Deacon Todd Portinga**

## ***Forever Reign (Verse 1 & 2)***

### **Verse 1**

You are good, You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love, You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light, You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope, You are hope  
You have covered all my sin

### **Verse 2**

You are peace, You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true, You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy, You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life, You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

### **Chorus**

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love  
Will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world, forever reign

### **Bridge**

My heart will sing  
No other Name  
Jesus, Jesus  
(Repeat Bridge)  
(Chorus)

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

\*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **\*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.**

\*BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

\*L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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