

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Faithful Through Generations

June 26, 2022



We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk by Bob Luhman

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built, on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust, the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(Repeat Verse 1)

Chorus

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems, to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high, and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
(Chorus)

Verse 3

When He shall come, with trumpet
sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
(Chorus-2x)

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
(Repeat All)

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
(Chorus – 2x)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **C: Amen**

L: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Chorus

Holy Spirit rain down

Rain down

O Comforter and Friend

How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down

Rain down

Let Your power fall

Let Your voice be heard

Come and change our hearts

As we stand on Your Word

Holy Spirit, rain down

(Repeat Chorus)

No eye has seen

No ear has heard

No mind can know

What God has in store

So open up heaven

Open it wide

Over Your church

And over our lives

(Chorus)

THE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

SERMON

“Set Free!”

Pastor Dan Nordin

How Can I Keep From Singing

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the Rock I cling

Chorus

How can I keep from singing
Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your Love
How can I keep from shouting
Your Name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

(Chorus)

(Instrumental)

(Chorus)

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)**

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

***HOLY COMMUNION**

***COMMUNION PRAYER: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***L:** Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Goodness Love And Mercy

Verse

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd,
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters;
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk, through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me,
and You comfort me

Chorus-3x

Surely goodness, love and mercy
Will follow wherever I go.


Bridge-4x

I'm gonna dwell in the house
of the Lord forever
(*Chorus*)

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

POSTLUDE

(**Please Stand*)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	After Service	Worship & Music Committee Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Pastor Dan's Vacation

Pastor Dan will be on vacation June 27-July 4. In the event of a crisis or emergency please contact Deanna Gehloff who will contact a neighboring pastor to assist you.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School – July 10-14 5:30 – 7:30pm This year we will be exploring Jesus' Parable of the Sower. We will have fun learning some ways kids can care for God's creation. Supper, singing, sowing seeds, spectacular crafts, skits and games. Contact Julie if you would like to help with VBS.

Family Fare Store Receipt Collection

Please continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.

To date, our collection totals \$79.062.

When the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. **Shop, bring your receipts to church** and we will support children who are hungry!

Shoe Away Hunger

A single pair of new or gently used shoes, for someone in need, can have a big impact. Every pair of shoes collected offers affordable footwear for someone in need; those proceeds enable **Shoe Away Hunger** to buy groceries for those who are hungry through **Feeding the Future** programs and services. This amazing program offers a simple and meaningful way for you to join with us as we work together to eliminate hunger ***"one sole at a time."*** Here is how you can help!

- Look for the Shoe Away Hunger box in the back of the church.
- Donate your footwear including sneakers, casual shoes, winter boots, sandals, and heels; **remember, new or gently used.**
- Please tie or band them together.
- Your donations will be taken to Schuler Shoes where they are picked up by Shoe Away Hunger.

Thank you! The Mission Committee

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