

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Faithful Through Generations
July 24, 2022



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

Awesome God

Chorus

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God

Verse 1

When He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord wasn't joking
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close
And so you'd better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath
He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God

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*)

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
We sing

Chorus

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
(*Repeat All*)

Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There Is Joy In The Lord

Verse 1

There is joy in the Lord
There is love in His Spirit
There is hope in the knowledge of Him
There's a fountain that flows
Like a river from heaven
Abounding in love to my soul

Chorus

All blessing and honor are His
All glory and power are His
Let all wisdom and strength
Be the Lord's in this place
Let all glory be given to Him

Verse 2

There is joy in the Lord
There is love in His Spirit
There is hope in the knowledge of Him
There's a fountain I know
Ev'ry time I am near it
My heart overflows to the Lord
(Repeat Chorus)
(Repeat Verse 1)

Ending

There is joy in the Lord

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

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

SERMON

“Teach Us to Pray”

Pastor Dan Nordin

Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
Amazing love
Now flowing down
From hands and feet
That were nailed
To the tree
As grace flows down
And covers me

Chorus

It covers me
It covers me
It covers me
And covers me
(Repeat All)

***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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a
new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when
the evening comes
(*Chorus*)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and
You're slow to anger
Your name is great and
Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find
(*Chorus*)
(*Instrumental*)

Verse 3

And on that day when my
strength is failing
The end draws near and
my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then
forevermore
(*Chorus-2x*)

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

POSTLUDE

(**Please Stand*)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday

9:00AM

Men's Bible Study-CC

Annual Outdoor Worship Service

Cannon River will hold their annual potluck, outdoor worship service and bonfire on August 13th, 2022. Potluck: 6:00pm Outdoor worship service: 7:00pm followed by bonfire. Potluck and worship will be inside if raining. There will be no service held on Sunday, August 14th.

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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