

Cross of Christ and Cannon River
Lutheran Churches
Faithful Through Generations
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In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
(*Chorus*)

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, forever

Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
(*Chorus*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy and gracious God, **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace and make us holy and blameless before you in love. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM

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

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

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*)

GOSPEL (Bulletin Insert)

John 6:56-69

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

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

Awesome God

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

(Repeat)

(Instrumental)

(Repeat-2x)

***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.**

***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.**

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

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