



*"Help for the Hurting"*

Mission Festival 2020

*St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church*

*Rev. Ronald C. Szep, pastor*

*Rev. James Mattek, guest preacher*

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

*We welcome all to our worship service today,  
especially our guests.  
We respectfully request that all personal electronic devices  
be silenced while in the building. Thank you.*

While we rejoice that we are open for worship services, we do need to use a common sense approach to gathering for worship.

The state mandate for masks in a public gathering began August 1. We will follow the guidance of our government unless something we are to do is contrary to Scripture. Wearing a mask is not contrary to Scripture.

If you are a person who cannot wear a mask for some reason, please be sure to distance yourself when you come to church. Masks will be available at church, as is hand sanitizer.

We have returned to the shortened orders of service that we used when the Safer at Home order was in effect to reduce the amount of time we will be in the public worship service.

To maintain a safe distance between worshipers in the sanctuary some pews have been blocked from use, please sit only in the pews without this signage; limited seating in chairs will be available behind the pews and in the choir section; if needed, chairs will be set up in the narthex.

At this time we request that worshipers refrain from using the pew Hymnals and Bibles. The entire service is printed out in the service folder.

After the service, to maintain safety and order, please exit the sanctuary at the direction of our ushers. Take your service folder home to reuse or recycle in order to limit the number of people handling them. You may greet the pastor at the door, but please save chatting with him for later so you do not hold up the line behind you.

The Wednesday service is being recorded to post to our website.  
The Sunday service is being shared on Facebook Live.

## EVENING DEVOTION

The Christian trusts God to provide.

The Prayer of the Day summarizes the Sunday: God reveals his mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. God feeds hungry mouths and hungry souls with his gifts of grace. When we bring our problems to Jesus, he will richly supply all we need.

*Greeting by the minister*

*Please Stand*

### OPENING DIALOGUE:

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

**Congregation: The light no darkness can overcome.**

**M:** Stay with us, for it is evening,

**C:** **And the day is almost over.**

M: Let your light scatter the darkness.

**C:** **Let it shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.**

### PRAYER FOR PEACE:

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you.

Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

### LESSON OF THE DAY: Romans 8:35-39

Though we suffer much in this world, the Christian trusts that nothing can separate him from the love of God. In his providence, God provides for us; in his love, God protects us. Though we are considered sheep for the slaughter by the world, we know that in the hand of our God we are more than conquerors, inseparable from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. No earthly powers, no spiritual forces, nothing in our past or in our future has the power to remove us from the care of our God.

<sup>35</sup> *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

*Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*

<sup>36</sup> *As it is written:*

*“For your sake we face death all day long;*

*we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

<sup>37</sup> *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

<sup>38</sup> *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,*

<sup>39</sup> *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Today's Order of Service has been printed out in its entirety in this service folder.**

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We Thank God with Our Offerings: *No plates will be passed; please place your offering  
in the basket by the sanctuary doors. This offering is taken to support our  
congregation's work of spreading the message of Jesus Christ, within the congregation,  
at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School, and by supporting mission work.*

***A freewill offering will also be gathered today for WLCFS, our Mission Festival  
emphasis this year. Thank you to all who have previously returned the special  
offering envelope provided.***

### Preparation for the Worship Service

*It is good to see friends and to visit with them. Please do so in the narthex so that  
those wishing to have a quiet place for meditation may do so in the sanctuary.  
If you would like the pastor to contact you, fill out one of the welcome cards in the  
hymnal rack and place it in the offering basket and, after the service, please sign  
the guest register in the narthex.*

A hearing loop has been installed in the sanctuary.  
Headphones are available for those without hearing aids  
who would like hearing assistance.

### Parents with Children

*We are pleased to have your children at the worship service today.  
Speakers have been mounted in the narthex; the service can be  
heard throughout the building.  
Both of the restrooms have a changing station for your child.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 491**  
**“O Master of the Loving Heart”**

CHRISTIAN LOVE

**491**                      **O Master of the Loving Heart**

1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The  
2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your  
3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your  
4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So

friend of all in need, We pray that we may  
speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er  
hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or  
joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,

be like you In thought and word and deed.  
sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.  
felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.  
ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.  
Tune: AZMON (CM) Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829, alt.

**SERMON:** Rev. James Mattek-WLCFS, based on Luke 10:25-37  
**“Help for the Hurting”**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.  
“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”  
<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”  
<sup>27</sup> He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”  
<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”  
<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”  
<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.  
<sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.  
<sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.  
<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.  
<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.  
<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’  
<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”  
<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”  
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

*Please Stand*

**PRAYERS:**

**Luther’s Evening Prayer** *(in unison)*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions: optional, read by the minister*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer*

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*in unison*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

M: Dearly beloved: As we intend to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is our duty to diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorts us. This holy sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for the righteousness Jesus alone can provide. But if we examine ourselves with such an attitude, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we can in no way set ourselves free.

Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken upon himself our human nature, so that he could fulfill the whole Law of God for us. In order to deliver us, he suffered what we deserve and died in our place. We should confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith to cheerfully obey his holy will. For this reason our Lord has instituted the holy sacrament of his supper, in which he feeds and nourishes us with his true body and blood.

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should do this also in remembrance of him, showing his death, that he was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification, and give to him heartfelt thanks for those blessings, take up our cross and follow him, and according to his commandment, love one another even as he has loved us.

For we all partake of one bread and one body, even as we all partake of this one bread and drink of this one cup.

And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart:

Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved his wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

**C: I do confess.**

M: You should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Do you truly repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

**C: I do repent.**

M: You should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

**C: I do believe.**

M: You should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

**C: I do promise.**

M: You should so promise, for Christ the Lord says: "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven".

Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

**C: I do believe.**

M: As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and by the authority of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

The distribution hymn will not be sung today. Please read through the following verses while the sacrament is being distributed. Those partaking of the Lord's Supper, please follow the direction of the minister and the ushers.

**CW Hymn 499 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"**

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might, In love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives to you.
- 2 You sent your Son for all to die That fallen man might live thereby.  
Oh, hear us, for to you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought May work a work for you.
- 4 All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
Grant us the will, and grace provide, To love them all in you.
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love  
Till you receive in heav'n above All those who lived for you.

*Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.*

*Please Stand*

**THE THANKSGIVING:**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

**BLESSING:**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN: CW Hymn 521**  
**"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"**

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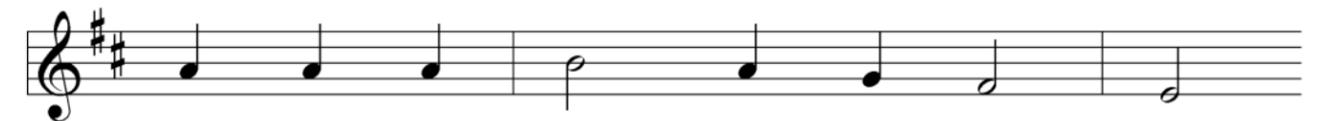
**521 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**



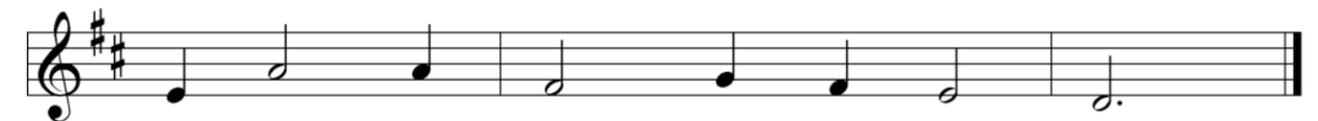
1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred  
4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak  
5 With your own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race,  
Your chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
By love - less act and thought - less word.  
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.  
And by your Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son help me view  
My neigh - bors' good let me pur - sue;  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
And should I be a vic - tim, too,  
That all I touch, what - e'er I do,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.  
Bind them to me and all to you.  
Will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.  
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.  
May be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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