



# **In the Judge's Eyes**



**Worship Bulletin: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
6:30 PM**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood, you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

P: By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit. Lead us to trust that you wash away sin in the cleansing water of baptism and that through baptism we have been clothed with Christ and claimed as your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

"One Heartbeat at a Time"

by Steven Curtis Chapman

You're up all night with a screaming baby  
You run all day at the speed of life  
And every day you feel a little bit less  
Like the beautiful woman you are  
So you fall into bed when you run out of hours  
And you wonder if anything worth doing got done  
Oh, maybe you just don't know  
Or maybe you've forgotten  
You, you are changing the world  
One little heartbeat at a time

Making history with every touch  
And every smile

Oh, you, you may not see it now  
But I believe that time will tell  
How you, you are changing the world  
One little heartbeat at a time

With every, "I know you can do it"  
And every tear that you kiss away  
So many little things that seem to go unnoticed  
They're just like the drops of rain, over time they become a river

And you, you are changing the world  
One little heartbeat at a time  
Making history with every touch  
And every smile

Oh, you, you may not see it now  
But I believe that time will tell  
How you, you are changing the world  
One little heartbeat at a time

You're beautiful, so beautiful  
How you're changing the world  
How you're changing the world

You, you are changing the world  
One little heartbeat at a time  
Making history with every touch  
And every smile

Oh, you, you may not see it now  
But I believe that time will tell  
How you, you are changing the world  
Oh, I believe that you, you are changing the world  
One little heartbeat at a time

Hey, you're changing the world

### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you have prepared for those who love you incomprehensible joys. Pour into our hearts such love that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALMODY**

"Confidence"

by Sanctus Real

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose  
I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to  
But Lord with Your strength, I've got no excuse  
'Cause broken people are exactly who You use

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy and made him a King  
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything  
I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense

So I can face my giants with confidence  
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see them fall  
I'm gonna stand up, step out when You call  
Jesus, Jesus  
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see them fall  
I'm gonna stand up, step out when You call Jesus  
Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence, yeah!...  
Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence  
I'll face my giants with confidence

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

R: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P: Alleluia.

**A: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.**

P: Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17**

P: The holy Gospel according to John,

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

Jesus said: <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord,

**A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"In Your Eyes"

by Peter Gabriel

Love, I get so lost, sometimes  
Days pass and this emptiness fills my heart  
When I want to run away  
I drive off in my car  
But whichever way I go  
I come back to the place you are

All my instincts, they return  
And the grand facade, so soon will burn  
Without a noise, without my pride  
I reach out from the inside  
In your eyes  
The light, the heat  
I am complete  
I see the doorway to a thousand churches  
In your eyes  
The resolution of all the fruitless searches  
I see the light and the heat  
I want to be that complete  
I want to touch the light  
The heat I see in your eyes

Love, I don't like to see so much pain  
So much wasted and this moment keeps slipping away  
I get so tired of working so hard for our survival  
I look to the time with you to keep me awake and alive  
And all my instincts, they return  
And the grand facade, so soon will burn  
Without a noise, without my pride  
I reach out from the inside  
In your eyes, In your eyes  
The light, the heat  
I am complete  
I see the doorway to a thousand churches  
The resolution of all the fruitless searches  
I see the light and the heat  
I want to be that complete  
I want to touch the light  
The heat I see in your eyes

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

P: Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the people of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (*especially*). Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

### **LAMB OF GOD (SUNG)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks  
and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**A: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**A: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**A: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

### **SHARING OF COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Living God,

**A: you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **A: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN:**

### "Day of Arising"



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**