

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - June 14, 2020 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

PRELUDE - "Give Me Jesus" - Barbara and John Edwards

## WELCOME

### Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte - WOV 752 / arr. Jay Beech

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**a people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## SCRIPTURE SONG

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;  
just and true are your ways, O ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you,  
for your just and holy works have been revealed.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of compassion,

**you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING - Exodus 19:2-8a

## PSALM - Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with song.

**Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

Give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
Whose faithfulness endures from age and age.**

## SECOND READING - Romans 5:1-8

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the Scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapters 9 and 10.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL - Matthew 9:35-10:23**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MEDITATION**

## Marvelous Light

1 Peter 2:9-10 - Chris P. Matthy

For you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
In order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you  
Out of darkness, into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.  
Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*each petition ends:* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**Amen**

## Rise Up, O Saints of God

Forness/Walter/arr.CPM

Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
With nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
As heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
The word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
Redress sin's cruel consequence;  
Give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
Stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
With love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek  
The paths which Christ has trod;  
And, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
Rise up, ... O ... saints ... of ... God.

#### **SENDING**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
**in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of God in word and deed.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**