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WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Introduction

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

Desperate Measures

You’ve likely heard the saying “Desperate times call for desperate measures.” Today’s gospel features a story within a story, both of women, both restored to life and community. And the actions—of the girl’s father and the woman with the flow of blood—are equal parts desperation and faith.

A father approaches Jesus in his desperation and asks for the inconceivable—that Jesus would lay his hand on his dead daughter and bring her back to life. Our daily news from throughout the world is filled with images of parents taking drastic measures to save their children. Asking this rebellious rabbi to bring the daughter back to life is certainly taking a chance!

Before Jesus even reaches the daughter, he is interrupted by a woman whose desperation has been building for twelve years. Due to a medical condition, she has lived as an outcast. She spends her days plotting her movements so as not to “contaminate” others and is accustomed to being on the outside looking in. Imagine how lonely she is. Her desperation leaves her determined to move through the crowd just to touch the fringe of Jesus’ garment. He responds to this act of faith by looking her in the eye and telling her exactly what an incredible act of faith this was.

In these desperate, faithful stories, the appeal for mercy is met with mercy. What would make us appeal for mercy? A medical diagnosis that leaves us determined to exhaust all treatment possibilities? Praying for the impossible at a loved one’s deathbed? Hurtful circumstances that leave us feeling isolated? Jesus calls Matthew from his tax table, then gathers with him and others around a dinner table with words of mercy. Week after week, Jesus gathers us at his table, because he is desperate to share that same mercy with us.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Love You, Lord

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. Chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Chords: F², Gm/F, F, B \flat , F/A, Gm⁷, F/A, C⁷_{sus}, C, B \flat /D, C/E, F², Gm/F, F, F⁷, B \flat , F/A, F_{sus}/G, C⁷, B \flat ²/F, F²

Lyrics:
I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - jice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

OPENING LITANY (inspired by Psalm 50)

Cry out!

God does not keep silent.

Cry out!

We long to hear God's word.

Cry out!

Tell of God's wonderful deeds.

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)
Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations.

(Refrain - All)
Saviour, he can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

(Verse 2 - All)
So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

(Refrain - All)
Saviour, he can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

(Bridge - Music Ministers / All)
Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King:
Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

(Refrain - All)

**Saviour, he can move the mountains.
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He rose and conquered the grave,
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(All)

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Jesus.
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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

Come as You Are

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come, find your mercy. O sinner, come, kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Refrain - Music Ministers)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

(Verse 2 - All)

**There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed.
Come, sit at the table; come, taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary,
Rest that endures;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.**

(Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.
Come as you are.
Fall in his arms.
Come as you are.

(Verse 3 - Music Ministers)

There's joy for the mourning. O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Final Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

**So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.**
Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are

CONFESSION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have wandered from your side. Show us your love once more, and bring us back to you.

We confess to the sin of pride:

We have been sure of our own goodness and importance and have looked down on others. Help us to appreciate the true worth of other people.

We confess to the sin of envy:

We have been displeased when others have been more successful or sought-after than we have been. Give us glad hearts to rejoice genuinely in the blessings of others.

We confess to the sin of self-indulgence:

We have had enough and more. Yet we have neglected the needs of others. Help us to deny ourselves so that others may not be in want.

We confess to the sin of self-will:

We have worried about many things. Help us to trust you to see us through.

We confess to the sin of laziness:

We have been prone to half-measures and have let our faith grow feeble. Make us eager to do your will.

We confess to you our sins,
and we ask for your forgiveness.
In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FFIRST READING

Hosea 5:15--6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

A reading from the book of Hosea.

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: "Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know every bird |of the mountains,
and the creatures of the | fields are mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

**** GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

YOUTH MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Jamie Vannoy

**** APOSTLES' 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 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 COMMUNITY

GATHERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples 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."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another.

**** LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

HOLY COMMUNION - *Receiving the Lord's tangible presence.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond: **Amen.**

Communion Statement ~ *If you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Redeemer and would like to receive Holy Communion, then come forward to receive the elements. If you would just like to come forward and receive a blessing, then you may do that also.*

NOTE: We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request when receiving Communion. Also, if you prefer not to receive wine at Communion, apple juice is available upon request.

REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

*As we prepare to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ, and the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and the blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon His sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work **in** us and **through** us in the coming days.*

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Step by Step

D(no3) G G² G D/F# D C/E C/D

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G D(no3) G G² D/F# D

you. O God, you are my God, and

C/E C/D G G² G Em C/E Em

I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-

D^{sus} D Am/E Am/C Am

- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

G G² G D/F# D C/D Am/D D^{7sus}

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my

¹ G D(no3) ² G G² G Em

days. O days, and I will fol-low you all of my



Dsus D Am⁷ F C D⁷sus
 days, and I will fol-low you all of my days, and
 G²/D D C/D G
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Created, saved and gifted by God, we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“W + 2” = Worship Plus Two

**Make a commitment to not only worship each week
but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation
and seek out a way to serve our community.**

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

Upcoming Commemorations

Barnabas, Apostle Sunday, June 11, 2023

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379 Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015 Saturday, June 17, 2023

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

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