



Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6 2021 9:30am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Think About His Love"

Harrah/Hayes

Marsha Gullickson

"Better Than A Hallelujah"

3YJ

God loves a lullaby
In a mother's tears in the dead of night
Better than a Hallelujah sometimes

God loves the drunkard's cry
The soldier's plea not to let him die
Better than a Hallelujah sometimes

We pour out our miseries
God just hears a melody
Beautiful, the mess we are
The honest cries of breaking hearts
Are better than a Hallelujah

The woman holding on for life
The dying man giving up the fight
Are better than a Hallelujah sometimes

The tears of shame for what's been done
The silence when the words won't come
Are better than a Hallelujah sometimes

We pour out our miseries
God just hears a melody
Beautiful, the mess we are
The honest cries of breaking hearts
Are better than a Hallelujah

Better than a church bell ringing
Better than a choir singing out, singing out

We pour out our miseries
God just hears a melody
Beautiful, the mess we are
The honest cries of breaking hearts

Are better than a Hallelujah

We pour out our miseries

God just hears a melody

Beautiful, the mess we are

The honest cries of breaking hearts

Are better than a Hallelujah

Better than a Hallelujah

(Better than a Hallelujah sometimes)

OPENING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW# 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP / INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: 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

P: Let us pray.

C: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jenna Trenbeath

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with

Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Your Words”

Your words give us life that's never ending
Your words bring us love that never fails
Everything else will fade away
But what will remain
Are Your words

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 3rd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Erik Sevig

SONG OF REFLECTION

“My Hope Is In You”
3YJ

I meet with You and my soul sings out
As your word throws doubt far away
I sing to You and my heart cries
"Holy! Hallelujah, Father, You're near!"

My hope is in You, Lord
All the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord

I wait for You and my soul finds rest
In my selfishness, You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries "Glory
Hallelujah, Father, You're here!"

My hope is in You, Lord
All the day long I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord

I will wait on You
You are my refuge
I will wait on You
You are my refuge

My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
My hope is in You, Lord
All the day long I won't be shaken by drought or storm

A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Claire Flood and Seth Harkner

PRAYERS

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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE 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.

SENDING

BLESSING / BENEDICTION

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

C: Amen.

We are all called to be ministers— (CCLC Mission Statement)

Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,

Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,

Sent to share God's promises with others.

SENDING SONG

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

ELW# 665

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed,
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en,
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry,
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

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P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“I Found It—Real Life in Jesus!”

Don Wyrzten

Marsha Gullickson

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The children are all set for VBS; now we need volunteers! We're looking for adults, high school or middle school youth to be crew leaders, station leaders and assistants. Commitments can range from helping out all 4 days to just 1 day (June 21-24). Register as a volunteer at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2f4e73>. "Job descriptions" are provided for each volunteer opportunity. Training will be provided in June—details to come!

WORSHIP AT TAPESTRY: Join Jenna and other CCLC members for a worship service at **Tapestry on Sunday, June 6th at 5:00pm**. Please contact Jenna or the office to join the carpool that will be leaving CCLC at 4:30, or meet at Oak Grove Lutheran, which is located at 7045 Lyndale Ave S in Richfield.

DONATION UPDATE: If you would like to send checks in support of our four core service partners (or other special events) at CCLC, please make the check out to "Community of the Cross Lutheran Church" or "CCLC" and use the MEMO LINE of the check to designate which charity you wish to support. Effective immediately, Highland Bank will only allow us to deposit checks made out to "Community of the Cross Lutheran Church" or "CCLC". Thank-you for your continued support!

CCLC "JUST-US" Racial Justice Initiative A small group at CCLC has begun meeting to plan ways the congregation can be more involved in racial justice efforts in Bloomington and beyond. To kick off these efforts, there will be an adult forum series on racial justice topics every Sunday in June following the 9:30 am worship service. Additionally, there will be a book discussion planned for later this summer on the book "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo. We look forward to sharing fellowship and discussion through engaging in this important issue that is central to fulfilling our Christian mission. For more information, contact Demetria Carter, Gretchen Godfrey, or Pastor Erik.

CCLC ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENT: Save the date for June 11, 2021 and participate in the Joe Laube Golf Memorial Tournament. For more information go to blc.edu/laubegolf or contact Brooks Herrboldt at brooksherrboldt@gmail.com.

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION. October 3rd, 2021 we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first worship service of Community of the Cross Lutheran Church! Lunch following worship. The committee to celebrate our 50th Anniversary is looking for the following....

- Any historical photos, stories or achievements.
- Volunteers!
- If you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact a member of the committee. Sandy Knight—rsknight1968@gmail.com; Jane Hansen—jshhansen@comcast.net; Jamie Manzi-Moore—music@cclcmn.org; Dan Flood—gustaflood@msn.com; Pastor Erik—pastor.erik@cclcmn.org

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

FOR HEALTH/WELLBEING:

- **Watson Christman**, great grandson of Rick and Sandy Knight
- Linda Shultz, sister of Jim Shultz
- Lindsey Clark, daughter of Ron and Pat Nelson
- Jo Haugen
- Gary Hempel, son-in-law of Sue Metsala
- Dwight Penas, son-in-law of Elaine Thurston
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Lloyd Knight, brother of Rick Knight
- Vickie & Greg Preese, friends of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Ryan Van Riper
- Mark Teslow, son of Dave & Kay Teslow

IN CELEBRATION:

- For Watson John Knight Christman newborn son of Brandon & Jaime Christman, great grandson of Rick & Sandy Knight
- The flowers on the altar are given by Jeff & Lea Nygren in honor of their anniversary.
- For Claire Flood and Seth Harkner, who are being recognized today for high school graduation.

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYER FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Jan Godfrey, Richard & Carm Greenlee, George & Marsha Gullickson, Richard & Renae Gustafson, Mary Hafstead