

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

August 29, 2021

SONGS OF PRAISE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

O, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**“Everlasting God” W&M by Brenton
Brown and Ken Riley**

Strength will rise
as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord. (Repeat)

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

**“Days of Elijah” c. 1996 Daybreak Music
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These are the days Elijah,
declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant,
Moses, Righteousness being restored

And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the Way of the Lord.

Chorus:

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice It's the Year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant
David, rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord. (Chorus)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight: City Pool Party – 5:00 – 6:45 PM – Bring FRIENDS & SNACKS
Sept 05 - Labor Day Weekend Services - 9:30 am will continue indefinitely
Sunday School begins Sept. 12 – 10:45 am

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.

C: Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.

P: Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,

C: and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.

P: Cast us not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

P: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold us with a willing spirit.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in power over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Dear Jesus, thou art everything to me,
And everything I owe I give to thee.
My wealth, my all, but most of all
Dear Lord, I give myself to thee.

Dear Jesus, thou hast bled & died for me,
And washed away my sins on Calvary.
You cleansed my soul; You made me whole
O Lord, I give myself to thee

Dear Jesus, thou hast lead me day by day
And set my will to follow all the way
To bear my cross, to suffer loss.
O Lord, I give myself to thee.

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OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9* (Moses' encouragement to the Israelites)

"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you...

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10-20 (Put on the whole armor of God.)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14–23* (What defiles a person?)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SONGS OF PRAISE ‘Whom Shall I Fear’ (Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

**I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side**

**My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear (Chorus)**

Bridge

**(And) nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful (REPEAT - Chorus)**

SERMON "Inwardly, Outwardly" Pastor Matt

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO PASTOR MATT, HAILEY & DANIEL

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Pastor Matthew Kusch has accepted a call to a new field of service in the Church. At this time of farewell and Godspeed, let us hear the Word of the Lord.

P: With Moses, the man of God, we praise our God's person and power.

**C: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2)**

P: With St Paul we thank God for the grace we have received in our partnership with Pastor Matt.

C: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3–8)

P: With King David let us seek the work and favor of God for our congregation and for the people of St Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora.

**C: Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:16–17)**

P: Now we commend Pastor Matt into the care of Almighty God who gives us all a firm foundation upon which to stand, as well as a purpose and meaning for living out each day to the praise of Your glory.

“C: Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished the Kusch family with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend Pastor Matt, Hailey and Daniel, as they now depart from us. Preserve them in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name. Amen.

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C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG Shout to the Lord W&M by Darlene Zschech
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My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love

My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of Refuge and Strength
Let every breath , and all that I am never cease to worship You!

Chorus:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing!
Power and majesty, Praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand!
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(Repeat from top; chorus 2x)

SENDING:

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord protected by His mighty armor!

C: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR THE MEAL