

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021- 8:00 am Worship Service

Welcome to Worship! *Two weeks ago we jumped into James 5 and all about the topic of prayer – “the prayers of the righteous are powerful in its working.” The preacher received many comments about that sermon, especially asking for a “part 2” about prayer: what about the answers God gives to prayers? Today we are going to double back on the topic of prayer to discover more about how God answers prayers. We take a closer look at Jacob in Genesis 32. Jacob ends up wrestling with God. Why? What did Jacob learn from that? What does that have to do with our prayers and how God answers them? And, especially, of what did a limp remind Jacob?*

Information about the Worship Service.

- ✦ *The offering is gathered as you enter the sanctuary and will be presented at the altar at its customary spot in the worship service.*
- ✦ *Please contact the church office if you would like a CD of today’s service and sermon.*
- ✦ *Out of respect for our Lord, His house and those worshipping here today, please silence your cell phones and limit the use of your smart phones to something that will not distract those around you. Looking up a Bible passage is always welcomed.*

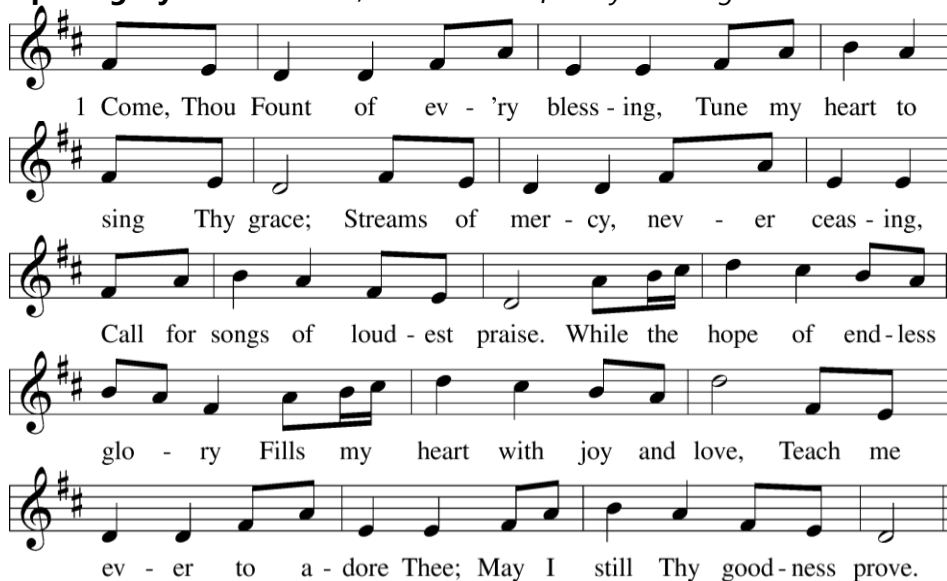
Pre-Service Music

Cantus Invenilis

Handbells

Ringing of Bell & Welcome

Opening Hymn 686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer Litany

P In our worship today we revisit the topic of prayer. A simple definition of prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts. Before we confess our sin and receive our Lord's forgiveness it is good for us to hear what God says in His Word about prayer. In Psalm 105 He says,

C **Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name.**

P In our prayers we call upon the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5 gives us an answer about how often we should pray:

C **Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

P God's Word also directs us to live a life of continual prayer, praying with faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself speaks of this in Matthew 21 and John 16:

C **And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**

P How can we be certain that God hears and answers our prayers? We hear the Lord speak about this through the prophet Isaiah:

C **Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.**

P The Apostle Paul gives us personal testimony of his own struggles and how the Lord graciously answered, in His time and in His way. The Holy Spirit moved the Apostle with these words in 2 Corinthians 12:

C **Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

Confession and Absolution

P We have heard enough of God's Word to know we have fallen far short of His glory and have plenty of sin to confess. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P We confess,

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have given far too many examples that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have both made unjust demands in our prayers and have shown a lack of faith and trust in You. We have prayed for You to make our lives easy without first asking You to be front and center in our lives. We have prayed for the difficulties of others to increase before we have confessed our own sin before You. When it appears that You are slow to respond to our prayers we have become impatient and have sought our own solutions. For the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us. Breathe a new spirit within us, increase our faith and focus our prayers upon You. Amen.**

P The Good News is that God not only forgives all our sins in Jesus Christ, but He continually loves to hear us pray! Jesus Christ was given over to death for our sin and raised again for our justification. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God, bestows on them the Holy Spirit, and increases the desire to pray. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



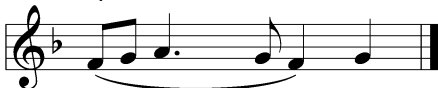
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions

and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.
¹⁴Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.
¹⁵Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Handbells

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,
“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17–22

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day 779 *Come, My Soul, with Every Care*



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
 2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
 4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
 For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
 Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
 There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5	While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer; As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.	6	Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew. Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.
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Message

"A Second Look at Prayer"

Genesis 32:22-32

(See back page of bulletin announcements for message notes)

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Presentation of the Offering

Beautiful Savior

Handbells

You may place your offering in the plate in the back of church after the service if you were not able to do so before the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not passing the offering plates at this time. If you desire, you may also conveniently give an offering by texting "Suburbanblc" to (833) 418-8983. Thank you!

Prayer of the Church

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.**

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.

Closing Hymn 924 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

Entering the Mission Field

- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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