



*Living Praise Celebration
Online*
Sunday, June 14, 2020

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WELCOME

Opening Hymn: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" – LSB 651

I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of ___ Your a - bode;
Be - yond my high - est ___ joy I ___ prize its ___ heav'n - ly ways,
I love Your Church, O ___ God! Your saints in ___ ev - 'ry land,
Sure as Your truth shall last, To ___ Zi - on ___ shall be giv'n

The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mu - nion, so - lemn vows, Its hymns of ___ love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en ___ on Your hand.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, And bright - er ___ bliss of heav'n.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

All: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

CONFESSION

Pastor: Lord God, hear our confession:

All: You desire everyone to be saved, and to come to knowledge of the truth; we confess that we have been satisfied with our own salvation, and content to allow others to be comfortable with “what’s true for them.” You have revealed yourself to us and have sent us to make disciples; you have given us all the resources we need to do so. But we have hidden your salvation in our hearts and squandered chances to reveal your presence in our lives. For the sake of our Lord Jesus, forgive us.

-We remember and repent of our sin-

Pastor: Now that we are forgiven, what shall we do?

All: We will proclaim his forgiveness!

FIRST READING - Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25:14-30

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus,

All: We praise you for entrusting us with your treasure, which is the good news of your perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection. We are awed that you work through us to build and multiply your church, even when our awe becomes fear and we bury that treasure in the ground. How blessed we are that you continue to provide us with everything we need to invest in your work! Present us with opportunities to make investments with your treasure of the gospel in ways that lead people to call you Lord. In your holy name we ask it; Amen.

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG : “Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me
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