

# WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Online Worship Bulletin

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### PREPARATION

In Isaiah's day, the dreams of the nation of Israel had been shattered; they were in exile. But it was an opportunity to rely anew on God and His gracious plans for them when they would return. Saul had seen his Pharisaic dreams shattered when Jesus proclaimed Himself as the replacement for the sacrifice-filled temple. But newly made Paul was forever changed by the gift of Christ's righteousness, given even to him. The Jewish leaders held on to the nation and temple as if they were the owners, not mere tenants, as in Jesus' parable. When the kingdom was given to others, God's plans for all people were fulfilled. Our self-centered dreams must also be shattered so that God may transform and fulfill them as only His plans for us can. *How then shall we live out this new life?*

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✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING SONG

*Immortal Invisible*

Worship Video

### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father,

People: **We confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have considered ourselves better than**

**others; we have expected You to bless us in all things. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His Sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

**ALL: Almighty God, by Your great goodness, mercifully look upon Your people that our shattered self-serving dreams be transformed by Your life-giving power; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Epistle Reading**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—  
<sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

**Luke 20:9-20**

<sup>9</sup>And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?' <sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED** *(spoken together)*

**ALL: 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.**

**SONG**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Worship Video

**SERMON**

**Rev. Shawn Deterding**

## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken together)*

**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

**Pastor:** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

*It Is Well*

Worship Video



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