

OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 25, 2021



GATHERING

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

Centering Prayer

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for meditation and reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Confession & Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Most merciful God,

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Children's Message

SONG

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

WORD

Psalm 145:10-18 (Read responsively; Worship Leader will provide instruction)

- 10 All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
 11 They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
 12 that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all the ages. You,
 LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
 14 The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
 15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
 16 You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
 17 You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
 18 You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 6:1-21

L: The Gospel, according to John.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

1Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), 2and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. 3Then Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down with his disciples. 4The Jewish Passover Feast was near. 5When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind

what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in the place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. 11Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. 14After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." 15Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again into the hills by himself. 16When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake 17where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. 18A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. 19When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified, 20But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." 21Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. 22The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. 23Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

L: This is the gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSIC MINISTRY/GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Not with us in person: There are 3 ways to give remotely: **Simply Giving**, **Breeze** or **Mailing** your offering check to OFLC, 3903 Gilbert Ave SE, Rockford, MN 55373.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

At OFLC, we practice an open table. What that means is all are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God. In this time of COVID, we are using prepackaged communion elements. The Pastor will give instructions as we observe the Sacrament safely. If you did not pick up a communion kit or need assistance with yours, please raise your hand when directed by the Pastor and one of our Worship Coordinators will assist you.

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Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God!**