

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025



PRELUDE "Where Justice Rolls Down" Bob Stromberg

Chorus

Where justice rolls down like a mighty water
And righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed

There is a river that streams from the temple
Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea
As it grows healing it will give
Where it flows ev'rything will live
(Chorus)

Wade in the water and feel the strong current
Remember the stagnance of stale life before
God is here leave the past behind
In these clear waters you will find
(Chorus)

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
 In the land that is plentiful
 Where Your streams of abundance flow
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be Your name
 When I'm found in the desert place
 Though I walk through the wilderness
 Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
 Turn back to praise
 When the darkness closes in Lord
 Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord
 Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
 When the sun's shining down on me
 When the world's all as it should be
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be Your name
 On the road marked with suffering
 Though there's pain in the offering
 Blessed be Your name
 (*Pre-Chorus / Chorus*)

Bridge (Chorus)

You give and take away
 You give and take away
 My heart will choose to say
 Lord blessed be Your name
 (*Chorus*)

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GREETING

In the name of the Father,
 and of the ✝ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

A reading from Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 82

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**Rescue the weak and the poor;
Deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

A reading from Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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(Assembly stands for the gospel.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us, O Lord”

Larry Olson

The musical score is written on three staves in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Help us O Lord to hear your word O - pen our hearts to feel your word Give us the strength to live your word each day". The guitar chords are: D, DM7, D7, G, Em7, G/D, and A.

D DM7
Help us O Lord to hear your word

D7 G
O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Em7 G/D A
Give us the strength to live your word each day

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I have come to cast fire upon earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

"If God My Lord Be for Me"

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PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

(The assembly stands)

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great!**

...Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always received them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

"Refiner's Fire"

Brian Doerksen

Verse 1

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Verse 2

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

Chorus

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY

Brenton Brown

Holy holy God Almighty
Who was and is to come
God of glory You're so worthy
All the saints bow down

Holy is Your name in all the earth
Righteous are Your ways so merciful
Everything You've done is just and true
Holy holy God are You (x2)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctu'ry
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain
(Chorus)

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future our dreams
Lord end our madness
Carelessness greed
Make us content with
The things that we need
(Chorus)

Chorus

God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come change our love
From a spark to a flame

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise
(Chorus)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

And may the love of God abound in you all; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill each of your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

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

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SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.
Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**“Our God Saves”****Brenton Brown**

Verse

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come
We're gather'd together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace
Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Chorus

Our God saves our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves our God saves

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● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- July income = \$16,340.56 (Income YTD = \$143,031.29)
- July expense = \$16,356.92 (Expense YTD = \$143,649.04)
- Income Less Expense = -\$16.36 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$617.75)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$15,996.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:

- **Monday (8/18):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (8/19):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
4:30p Property Committee (Conference Room)
6:30p Board Meeting (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (8/20)** 1p Bible Study (Lounge)
- **Thursday (8/21):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
7p Church Council (Java Junction)
- **Friday (8/22):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (8/23):** *National Ride the Wind Day* 🎈
- **Sunday (8/24)** 10a Holy Communion
11a Trinity Rose Montessori School Blessing

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, August 17, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Jane Goetz, Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Sally Mathis & Jan Beckman</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, August 24, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Ann Enke</i> Altar Guild: <i>Becky Glaser, Kari Castelli</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>
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