

# Sunday Worship

October 4, 2020

Leader/All



## Call to Worship - Psalm 105:1-5a

O give thanks to the LORD,  
call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to God, sing praises to God;  
tell of all God's wonderful works.  
Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
Seek the LORD and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.  
Remember the wonderful works God has done.

## Confession & Forgiveness

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(silence for reflection)*

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Kyrie Eleison

**Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## Prayer of the Day

God of dreams and hope, You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## Word – Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. 5 Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

17b So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. 28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. 29 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. 30 He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?" 31 Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." 33 He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

50:15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon – Pastor Dawn Lindberg

### Hymn of the Day – ELW #793 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### Prayers

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

We pray for the church universal; may our dreams be of your great and glorious kingdom of peace and justice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for fields and streams, mountains, deserts, and oceans; may creation fulfill your dreams of health and wholeness for the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and the leaders of nations; may our dreams and hopes be of peace, freedom, justice and equality for all who are made in your image. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and suffering. May their dreams of recovery and strength be fulfilled and may we be instruments of comfort and compassion. Today we pray especially for... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community scattered about today; may our dreams be bold and our vision guided by your love and grace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And now let us pause to hear the prayers and dreams of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Offering

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## Thanksgiving for Baptism

In our baptism, we are joined to Christ with promises of forgiveness, salvation, and life. These are the same promises we receive in Holy Communion. As we are separated in this time, let us give thanks for the promises we have been given in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us remember and give thanks for our baptism.

*Water may be poured as the leader gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## Remembrance of Baptism & Prayer

*Mark members of your family with the cross saying, **You are a blessed child of God.***

*Blessing for anyone worshipping alone. **You are a blessed child of God.***

Let us pray... Almighty God, you give us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins. Strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Announcements – Sunday School, Adult Ed, Care Packages, Affirmation of Baptism

## Blessing

Mothering God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

Remember: We are growing disciples who...  
**Welcome, Worship and Walk with Christ.**