

Time After Pentecost Welcome to Worship Today!

Songwriter Chad Mattson shares, in the story behind the song, "Just Give Me Jesus", his struggle to find contentment.

*After trying so hard and finding his own ideas and strivings not working out, he found comfort and guidance for a renewal of commitment in **Psalm 37:4**
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.*

This text and his own experience helped him realize that true satisfaction will only come through an intimate relationship with Jesus.

As we look at the unfaithfulness of the Israelites today in worship and their desire to take matters into their own hands, we look at our own lives and see how we are so similar. We wander time and time again and like the Israelites in the wilderness, God blesses them, and us, with mercy and forgiveness over and over again!

*As you prepare for worship today,
you are invited to meditate on the words of this song,
get honest about your own unfaithfulness and rest in the loving arms of Jesus.
There's nothing you desire, that can't be found in our Savior.*

Just Give Me Jesus

*Written by Jon Lowry, Christopher Stevens & Chad Mattson
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*I work so hard, try'n to open every door
Search near and far, turning over every stone
I close my eyes, instead I find no rest
No rest for a restless heart
All I've been chasing, putting my faith in
Let it fade, let it break into pieces*

*Take all my pride, my dreams, my plans
This house I've built, on troubled sand
If I gained the world, it would never be
It could never be enough*

*All of my searching, trying to be perfect
All the fears, all the lies I believed in
All I've been chasing, putting my faith in
Let it fade, let it fall into pieces
And just give me Jesus*

*Just give me Jesus
There's nothing I desire
That can't be found in You
You're everything that I've ever needed
Just give me Jesus*

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship
With Holy Communion
8:00 & 9:30 am October 11, 2020*

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Preaching: Pastor Lisa Lewton & Presiding: Pastor Joe Natwick

Organist: Barb Arneson

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world seems shady, Jesus says,
"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

When there is something missing in the despair of social media ranting
and news to the left or right, Jesus says,
"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH."

Beloved ones of God: You are to light the way with the mercy of Christ; You
are to break out of the bland political divide with the flavor of abundant life.

St. John will be light and salt following these visions:

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE.

Inviting you into a life-changing relationship with God.

CONNECTING HUMAN BEINGS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Cultivating curiosity and honest conversation.

MAKING SENSE OF THE WORLD WITH GOD'S WORD.

Finding everyday hope in the cross.

SHOWING UP WITH LOVE FOR THE NEIGHBOR NEAR AND FAR

Together, we confess the ways in which we dim the light and hide the salt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Faithful and forgiving God of new life,

**A: we are a broken and unfaithful people, often hurtful to ourselves, each
other and turning our backs on You.**

L: We seek to lift ourselves up and thrive on our own power and independence.

A: We mix up priorities in life and forget that each day is a gift from You.

L: We forget that You are eager to hear our prayers and instead gripe, grumble
and worry, when life is tough.

**A: We get stuck in old patterns of behavior and resist turning around for
the new start You give us.**

L: Help us Lord, to humble ourselves and our agendas, that they would align
with your plans for the world.

**A: Help us to be a hopeful people and grateful for the love, blessings and
freedom we are promised, and have already received, from You.**

L: Hear our honesty, as we silently confess our frailty and failings.

A: Amen.

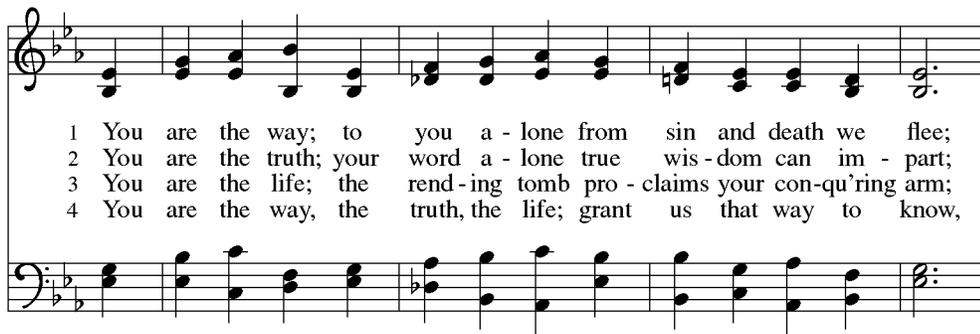
Silent prayers of confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

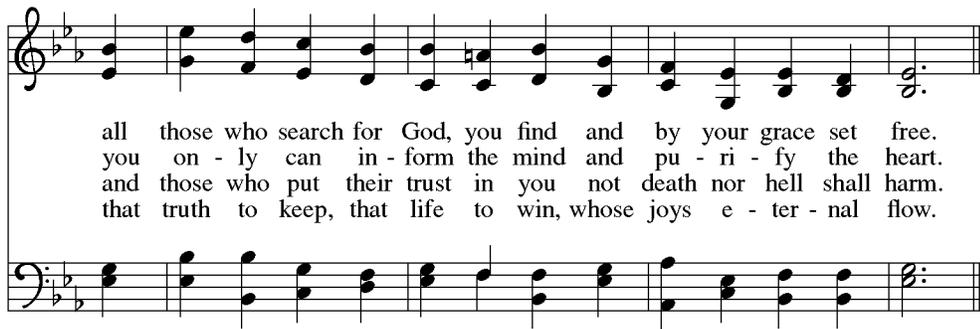
L: Like so many before us, God continues to show mercy to each of us. Through the death and resurrection of God's Son, + Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven. With the power of the Holy Spirit among us, we are free to begin again and believe in these promises of God.

A: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #758 You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #840 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **A: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Faithful God of an unfaithful people, the people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

Stepping Into the Story

ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD SONG #514 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

– Word –

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 32: 1-14



The Golden Calf

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, ^[a] and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The word of the Lord

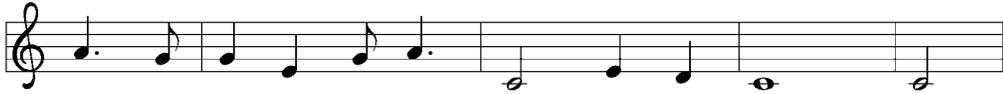
A: Thanks be to God

SERMON Pastor Lisa Lewton

HYMN OF THE DAY #770 Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

Today at 9:30 we celebrate the Baptism of

Blaykelynn Grace Monroe Ross,
 daughter of Terence & Kari Ross

Sponsors: Katrina Johnson, Courtney Breen,
 Rollin Barkman, Sheyden Turner



HYMN #677 This Little Light of Mine vs 1

**This little light of mine,
 I'm gonna let it shine;
 This little light of mine,
 I'm gonna let it shine;
 This little light of mine,
 I'm gonna let it shine,
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

APOSTLES CREED 8:00am

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

Prayer response: #780 REFRAIN Shepherd Me, O God

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
death in - to life. life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23
Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen
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Offering:

Thank you to those of you contributing to the mission of St John by giving electronically, leaving a gift in one of the sanctuary baskets or mailing gifts in.

Please also consider how you could be SALT and LIGHT in your circle of family and friends this week.

SHARING THE PEACE— *instrumental music*

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING— *instrumental music*

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables and be "salt" & "light" in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:

L: Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,

A: heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

L: Hosanna in the highest

A: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Hosanna in the highest

A: Hosanna in the highest!

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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**



*All are invited
to the table today.
Come as you are.*

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -

LAMB OF GOD #622 WOV

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn for Reflection during distribution #460 Now the Silence

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed
Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come
Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion
Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing
Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Digging Deeper:

What idols or unfaithfulness can you identify in your own life?
How are they interfering with or compromising your faith in God?

What are you seeking and really after when you hold those “idols” in such high regard? Is what you are honoring with your life truly meeting your need?

CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Enlist a friend or family member to share with and help you to be accountable in breaking or melting down an idol that has become more important in your life than God.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L: Jesus says, “You are the light of the world and the salt of earth”. Beloved ones of God: Go forth today to light the world with the mercy of Christ! May the Lord bless you on your way and give you courage to live and love abundantly. May the Lord’s strength move you to show up with love for neighbors near and far. May the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope throughout all of your days. In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit,
A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news! **A: Thanks be to God.**

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Pastor Lisa Lewton & Pastor Joe Natwick

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Dave Gabbert

9:30 am Chip Poland

Tech: 8:00 am Ian Homiston

9:30 am Nate Shilman

Ushers: 8:00 am Brayden Barnhart

9:30 am Damon Glasser

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