

**Raising the Bar**  
**July 8, 2018**  
**8:15 and 10:50 a.m.**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** .....Carla Barrows, Organ  
"Days of Elijah" arr. Jack Schrader - Summer Choir (8:15)

**WORDS OF WELCOME** .....Lori Fischer

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** . . . . . "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" . . . . . LSB 549, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**CONFESSION**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . . “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” . . . . . LSB 816

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung  
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## EPISTLE READING . . . . . 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

**R** <sup>1</sup> I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup> and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup> So to keep me

from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** ..... LSB 156

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** .....Matthew 5:21-37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** [Jesus said:] <sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is His footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . Apostles' Creed

**☒ 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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** . . . . . Elizabeth Oliver

**HYMN** . . . . . "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" . . . . . LSB 770

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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**MESSAGE**. . . . . "Anger and Lust" . . . . . Pastor Michael Hofmann

**MESSAGE RESPONSE** . . . . . "Amazing Grace" . . . . . LSB 744

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING (8:15)** . . . . . “The Lord Is My Shepherd” . . . . . Summer Choir

**MUSICAL OFFERING (10:50)** . . . . . Carla Barrows

**OFFERTORY**. . . . . “Create in Me” . . . . . LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** 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 (8:15)** . . . . . “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” . . . . . Summer Choir  
by Lutkin

**BENEDICTION (10:50)**

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

**C** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**. . . . . “Son of God, Eternal Savior” . . . . . LSB 842

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

**POSTLUDE** (8:15). . . . . “To God Be the Glory” . . . . . Summer Choir

**POSTLUDE** (10:50). . . . . Carla Barrows



