

# *WELCOME HOME!* **BAY VIEW** **LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



August 22, 2021  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 & 10:30 AM

**PRELUDE:** 8:00-Jason Palmer 10:30-Power & Light

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies.**  
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Give thanks to God!

We thank God for joy, for laughter,  
for abundant blessings of every kind.

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can,  
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ,  
our joys as well as our pain,  
our losses as well as our laughter,  
are in God's heart and hands.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

~ written by Joan Stott, and posted on the **Geelong City  
Parish UCA** website. <http://www.wesleychurchgeelong.net/>

God of abundant and steadfast love,  
we gather to worship and praise you.

There is no way we as humans can measure the immensity of  
God's love—

because it is as vast as the immeasurable heavens;

God's love is deeper than the deepest seas;

and all of creation cannot contain all the love

that flows so faithfully and generously from God's heart of grace.

How precious is God's love to us,

we, who forever have doubts about how loveable we are!

The Psalmist sang his hymn of praise to God,  
aware that his community was surrounded by people  
who had forgotten their faith in God!  
He reminded his anxious people of God's merciful faithfulness  
and compassion towards all creation.  
All-loving and all-merciful God,  
help us today to accept the searching light of God's love into our  
lives,  
so that with honest hearts, we may experience God's just peace  
surrounding and upholding us in our daily struggles in faithfulness.  
**AMEN.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

~ written by Amy Loving. Posted on The Worship Closet  
website. <http://worshipcloset.com/>

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we  
put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with  
lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with  
arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness,  
faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your  
path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one  
another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally  
commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and  
strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful  
ambassadors of the Good News.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

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The Lord is steadfast in love and hears the prayers of all who  
come seeking mercy.  
God reaches out to us in Jesus Christ forgiving our sins and  
nourishing us for life without limit.  
Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; .....be at  
peace.

**8:00-GATHERING SONG:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886) **vs 1-4**

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

**10:30-GATHERING SONG:** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (ELW 857)

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God,

**your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

A reading from Joshua.

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should

forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:15-22** (*read responsively*)

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up

the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: John 6:56-69**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this

reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **10:30 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **10:30 PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**8:00-HYMN OF THE DAY:** *In Christ There Is No East or West* (ELW 650)

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;

all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

### **10:30-HYMN OF THE DAY: Everything I Am**

Chorus

Everything I am

Everything I have

Everything I can I bring to You

For You alone are worthy

So I come to give You praise

And everything I am I bring to You

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### **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

~ written by Paul Sauer, and posted on the Lutheran Forum website. <http://www.lutheranforum.org/>

Lord God Almighty, may we revere and serve you, forsaking all other would-be gods.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, you are so powerful that the highest heaven cannot contain you. Neither can our churches, our hearts or our world hold you fast. Nevertheless, hear our prayers and pleas this day, for your love is far greater than our needs.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Holy Spirit, comfort the brokenhearted among us with your promise of redemption and resurrection, for we believe we shall live forever in the house of the Lord.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Arm us with your might, Lord God, else we will be defeated by evil. May your truth, peace, faith and holy Word guard us, inspire us and embolden us to be your people.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, help us take no offense from your difficult teachings. You are the Holy One of God, and the Heavenly Father bids us come to you in faith.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Lord God Almighty, this world delights in producing weapons of war. Forgive us our fear of one another, teach us to trust your Son, and bring peace to the hearts of all people.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Among us are many counting on your goodness and mercy for hope and healing. Hear us as we name them:

**Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin**

**& Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill),  
**Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka),  
**Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury),  
**Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne),  
**Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue**  
(Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockop), **Andrew** (Snyder), **the**  
**family & friends of Clarice** (Christianson).

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

The love of God has won.

The new life has begun. **Amen.**

## **8:00-PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

**8:00-MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** Jason Palmer

**10:30-MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** Power & Light, *Your Grace Is Enough*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

**8:00-HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** *When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross (HAMBURG) (ELW 803)*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

**10:30-HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (ELW 697)

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong:  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*
- 3 When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

Text: North American traditional

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**SENDING BLESSING**

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Go out, and make known the mystery of the gospel.

Keep alert and pray at all times.  
Draw strength from God's power  
and so stand firm against all that would corrupt you.

And may God arm you with truth and righteousness;  
May Christ Jesus give you words of Spirit and life;  
and may the Holy Spirit draw you near to God's presence  
.....and bless you with honour and grace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
....In the name of Christ. Amen.

**8:00-SENDING SONG:** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine:  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

**10:30 SENDING SONG:** *Are you Washed in the Blood*

Verse 1

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

#### Chorus

Are you washed in the blood  
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb  
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

#### Verse 2

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

#### Verse 3

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb

#### Verse 4

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb  
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean  
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE: 8:00-Jason Palmer 10:30-Power & Light**

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