

Bay View Welcome home! **BAY VIEW** LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 & 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

PRELUDE: 8:00-Jason Palmer; **10:30**-Peggy Royseck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: BASED ON JAMES 5

~ written by Katherine Hawker. Posted on **Liturgies Outside**.
<http://liturgyoutside.net/>

Are any among you suffering?

Then let us pray.

Are any cheerful?

Then let us sing songs of praise.

Are any among you sick?

Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

The prayer of faith will save us

And God will lift us up.

OPENING PRAYER

~ excerpted from a longer prayer posted on **Catholic Online**.
<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=829>

Lord Jesus,

you have said that your followers must be the 'light to the world.

Light propagates itself, dispels darkness.

It sows rays of joy and hope. It is life-giving.

Help me, Lord, to be a light to this world,

so that my life radiate your message of love, hope, and joy.

May I be the beacon leading to You those who seek truth.

You also said, Lord Jesus,

that your disciples must be the salt to this earth.

Salt gives taste to food.

It retards spoilage.

It is also a healing agent.

Lord, may I be the salt

that takes away the blandness in the routine of living,

that prevents the rottenness of hatred and greed

from expanding around me,
that brings compassionate healing to anguished souls I encounter.

Lord, help me to be "worth my salt."
And infuse your "saltiness" in me,
so that I do not become "flat" and useless.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

posted on the website of the First Presbyterian Church of Garland,
Texas. <http://www.fpcgarland.org/>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: A STALE GOSPEL

God of glory,
we confess that we have not sought your face.
We ignore the needs of the
poor and turn away from our own kin.
We allow the gospel to go stale,
and hide the light you have given.
Forgive us; give us grace.
By the renewing gifts of your Spirit
inspire and empower us again
to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

WORD OF ASSURANCE: A STALE GOSPEL

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who
are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674) vs 1 & 2

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,

Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Generous God,

**your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to
bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all

at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the
simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to
the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much
fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them
not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great
offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any
cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you
sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them
pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them
up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one
another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is
powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he
prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six

months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Drawn to the Light* (ELW 593) **vs 1 & 3**

1 People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun
when we're drawn to the light of God. Refrain

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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

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), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockhop), **Andrew** (Snyder), **Lois** (Krueger).

We also pray for those celebrating birthday and anniversaries this week, **Lewis** (Larsen), **Kevin** (Luedtke), **Michelle** (Sternard), **Rachael** (Wilson), **Cindy** (Kreil-Norton), **Kayla** (Coyhis), **George** (Draeb), **Alexis** (McAllister), **Vincent** (Michaud), **Trextton** (Gahart), **Charlie** (Rouer), **Conrad** (Wilson), **Dan** (Laurent), **Gary** (Long), **Sarah** (Olson), **Peggy** (Stauber), **Stefanie & Charles** (Komschlies), **Amy & David** (Labott), **Bonnie & Carol** (Anderson), **Sue & Terry** (Godres), **Valerie & Lee** (Mosgaller).

Lord, at this time, we create an opportunity for individuals to lift up those close to them verbally

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: 8:00-Jason Palmer; **10:30**-Peggy Royseck

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

COMMUNION

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

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779) **vs 1, 2, 5**

- 1 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.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

5 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.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING BLESSING: PSALM 124

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Home Page](http://www.bruceprewer.com/). <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Go in peace to enjoy and employ your gift of faith.

Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.

Fear neither outward foe nor inner temptation.

Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth

Rejoice in your blessings and smile in your adversities.

Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.

The inexhaustible grace of Christ crucified,

the tireless, eternal love of God,

and the live-in Guest who fills household of faith with many gifts,
will be with you this day and for evermore.

Amen!

SENDING SONG: *Jesus Loves Me!* (ELW 595) vs 1 & 3

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,

they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. Refrain

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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