

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



September 5, 2021  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**PRELUDE: 8:00**-Janet Anderson **10:30**-Praise Band

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

~ written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

Come and worship!

**We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.**

Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

~ written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on Christine Jerrett: Reflections on being the Church in God's new creation. <http://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>

There are days  
when all that keep me praying  
is the decision to trust you, O God.

To trust that You are still in charge  
that You are watching over my way  
that You care about truth  
even when the liars seem so strong.

So, for today,  
I choose to trust in your faithfulness  
in your power to create new beginnings

where none seem possible  
in your watchful care  
over the oppressed  
the stranger  
the orphan

Unblind me  
Open my eyes to see You  
lifting up those who are bowed down  
upholding orphans and widows  
bringing the way of the wicked to ruin.  
Let me see Your reign

Then, summon me to join the praise of Your people  
echoing through the generations  
Praise the LORD!

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

### **Confession**

Gracious God,  
we come before you today  
knowing that we often fall short of your call  
to love one another well.  
We allow ourselves to be blinded  
by wealth and power.  
We ignore those around us  
who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection.  
We tune out the cries of the poor  
and those on the edges of our communities.

Help us to see your great generosity,  
hear your word of mercy,  
and feel your great love  
for all who need your redemptive grace.

Strengthen us to reach out in service  
to those who are in need.  
Make us aware of those outside our own communities,

that we may see them as your precious children  
and serve them in humility and joy.

May we continue to grow in grace  
as we learn how to serve you  
in the name of the great Servant,  
even Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Assurance**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and  
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I  
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in  
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**8:00-GATHERING SONG:** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW  
533) **vs 1, 2, 5**

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**10:30-GATHERING SONG:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance

By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

### Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God,

**throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 146**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17**

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of

Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

Chorus

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Set our hearts on fire  
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Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
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And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
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Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
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**10:30-HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Step by Step*

Chorus

O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You

O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

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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 THE CHURCH

~ written by Rick Morley, and posted on his A Garden Path blog.  
<http://www.rickmorley.com/archives/1895>

Father of Lights, from whom comes every perfect gift,  
hear our prayers which we offer fervently to you,  
and in the name of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for the church,  
that we might show forth our faith in action,  
regard all with impartiality,  
and be quick to listen and slow to anger.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation,  
that whenever trials may befall us,  
that God may grant us endurance and wisdom.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world,  
that the lowly may be raised up,  
and that mercy may fall on us all.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the injured, the vulnerable,  
and those undergoing all forms of adversity,  
that they might all be raised up; especially **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** (Bockop), **Andrew**  
(Snyder).

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially **Linda** (Goodman), **Carol** (Bartoszek), **Katherine** (Campbell), **Addison** (Kluge), **Nicole** (Olson), **Ethan** (Jorns), **Willow** (Kuehn), **Tricia** (Metzer), **Pam** (Stratton), **Carol** (Bockhop), **Dan** (Williams), **Ella** (Grooters), **Dean** (Watkins), **Janet & Darrel** (Askins), **Moriah & Tony** (Brey), **Kim & Brian** (Schauske), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota) & **David** (Cota), **Deb & Kirk** (Caple), **Ann Marie & Steve** (Heinz).

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died especially Karen Johnson & Clarice Christianson, that they would draw near to God, and that God would draw near to them.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,  
let our prayers be offered to you  
with the gentleness that is born from your wisdom from above,  
that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy.  
**Amen.**

## **8:00-PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

### **NOISY OFFERING**

A second offering of loose change is taken for our Community Emergency Fund.

**8:00-MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** Janet Anderson

## **10:30-MUSIC DURING OFFERING: *We Will Glorify***

### Verse 1

We will glorify the King of kings  
We will glorify the Lamb  
We will glorify the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I Am

### Verse 2

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty  
We will bow before His throne  
We will worship Him in righteousness  
We will worship Him alone

### Verse 3

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth  
He is Lord of all who live  
He is Lord above the universe  
All praise to Him we give

### Verse 4

Hallelujah to the King of kings  
Hallelujah to the Lamb  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I Am

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## **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**

**8:00-HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** *Here Is Bread* (ELW 483)

Verse 1

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

Verse 2

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here

Chorus

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

Verse 3

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified

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**10:30-HYMN DURING COMMUNION: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

Verse 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

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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## 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

~ written by Rev. Daniel B. Randall, and posted on the **United Church of Christ's** Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have been received – give.  
As you have heard – proclaim.  
And the blessing which you have received  
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit  
be always with you. **Amen.**

## 8:00-SENDING SONG: *Wade in the Water* (ELW 459)

### Refrain

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

- 1 (See that host all dressed in white,)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*
- 2 (See that band all dressed in red,)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(looks like the band that Moses led.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

- 3 (Look over yonder, what do I see?)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*
- 4 (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: 8:00-**Janet Anderson **10:30-**Praise Band

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