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*Now to him
who is able to
do immeasurably
more than all
we ask or imagine ...
to him be glory.*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV

6 p.m. Sat., July 24, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., July 25, 2021
Sermon: "I Promise" Genesis 9:8-17



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- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(6 p.m. Sat., July 24 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., July 25, 2021)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doris Hill

Ushers: Nick Gunn Team

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Jim Winckler

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER God's promise of life in the rainbow summons us to hope in God. The apostle Paul urges us to discover and to know how real and firm is God's love. Like the fearful disciples in today's Gospel, we may have doubts of faith. But God's Word assures us: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). This causes us to stop our worrying and believe. Hope in God can calm you. The love of God can convince you. Here, now, at His mighty Word, your sins are forgiven, and you have hope, love, and life. We now gather before Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our loving God.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation

"God Himself Is Present"

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

The Wave of Fellowship

LSB 907

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P: Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.
- C: O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**
- P: God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

Introit

- P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
C: and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- P: I will extol you, my God and King,
C: and bless your name forever and ever.
- P: Every day I will bless you
C: and praise your name forever and ever.
- P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
C: and his greatness is unsearchable.
- P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
C: and I will declare your greatness.
- P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
C: and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
C: Amen.
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The Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. O God, our Redeemer, according to Your gracious promises and gift of salvation, help us now in any anxiety or fear to believe in Your love and power to deliver us, and restore to us Your gift of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The First Reading Genesis 9:8–17 (The covenant of the rainbow)

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.

¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Romans 11:33, 36 (We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.)

C: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

The Epistle Lesson Ephesians 3:14–21 (Prayer for spiritual strength)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and

length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and the Verse Mark 6:50c

C: Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:45–56 (Jesus walks on water.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land.

⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

⁵¹And he got into the boat with them,

and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

Sermon "I Promise" Genesis 9:8-17

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Acts 20:35b—{Jesus said,} "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offertory Hymn "Be Still, My Soul"

LSB 752

(stand as you are able)

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, especially Gerald Collins, Clarence Anderson, and Frieda Lehr. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Comfort the family of Coleen Kissinger as her mother, Deloris Milton has passed away. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Sandy Crippen, Cody O'Dell, Travis Yingst, Joey Ellickson, Richard Grothaus, Cameron Black, Noah Johnson, Shanna Meek, Joan Carney, Crystal Christiansen, Stephanie Lilienthal, Emilee DeVries, Dawn Dodds, and Adia Wetrosky. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn "Evening and Morning"

LSB 726

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services

Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.)
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)

Adult Bible Classes

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

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"Promise..."

Text: Genesis 9:8-17

Date: 07/25/21

"When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."
Genesis 9:16

Points to Ponder:

1. What is a promise?
2. Have you broken any promises before? What prevent you from keeping your promises?
3. Has God given us any promises? Can you name some?
4. Does God keep His promise?
5. What does this mean?