



The Lord is our **RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

JEREMIAH 23:6, ESV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2021
Sermon: "I Need a King!"
Jeremiah 23:1-6



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

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

Elders: Frank Tenuta **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Dallas Schulz Team

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,

Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Coleen Reich

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 We enjoy lives of liberty and freedom—freedom especially from any oppressive or tyrannic political government. Spiritually, however, we are not free, but slaves to sin and death. Spiritually, we need a deliverer, a Savior, a benevolent king. Paul reminds us of how, because of sin, being apart from God we had no hope. But he points us to Christ Jesus, who came to bring us near to the one hope of salvation by His blood. Jesus is the saving King who takes away your sin and delivers you through death. The Shepherd's compassion is for all and is for you. The title "King" was placed above His head on the cross. Now by His victory, all earthly sovereigns cast their crowns before Him. Receive His compassionate rule today as He brings us near to Himself by His Word and Sacraments and calls you blessed.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Song "King of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from.
 Oh, He is my song.
 Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life.
 Oh, He is my song.
 And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
 You are good, good, oh.
 Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves.
 Oh, He is my song.
 Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days.
 Oh, He is my song.
 And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
 You are good, good, oh.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (Repeat)

 You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
 You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 -- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
 (interlude)
 When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
 Yeah, when the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Words and Music by John Mark McMillan and Sarah McMillan CCLI #11440148 and 20162974

Nicene Creed

First Lesson Jeremiah 23:1–6 (The righteous Branch)

¹"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I

have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.
⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall

The Wave of Fellowship

execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is

the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The Epistle Ephesians 2:11–22 (One in Christ)

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so

making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Mark 6:30–44 (Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate

place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave

them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied.⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "He Knows My Name"

I have a Maker, he formed my heart.
Before even time began, life was in his hand.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.
He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

He hears me when I call.
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The Word "I Need a King!" Jeremiah 23:1–6

Affirmation of Faith Christiane Hanna

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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.

Psalm 13:6 — I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me.

Offertory "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me
And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ----, I'm lost without you, (repeat)
And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ---, I'm lost without you
I'm lost without you I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you
This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe
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The Prayer of the Church

Confession and Absolution

P: Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

C: **But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection)

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INVITATIONAL SONG (Praise Team)

He said come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior now
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION "The Potter's Hand"

Beautiful Lord, wonderful savior, I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hands
Crafted into Your perfect plan

You gently call me, into Your presence Guiding me by, Your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life through Your eyes

I'm captured by, Your Holy calling
Set me apart I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord I pray

Take me, Mold me Use me, Fill me I give my life to the Potter's hands
Call me, Guide me Lead me, Walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's hand

You gently call me, into Your presence Guiding me by, Your Holy Spirit
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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song "WayMaker"

[Verse 1] You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You.
[Repeat]

[Chorus 1] Hey, waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.
My God, that is who You are.

Waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.
My God, that is who You are.

[Verse 2] You are here, touching ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

[Verse 3] You are here, turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

[Chorus 2] Hey, waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.
-- That is who You are.
Waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.
My God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry life, I worship you, I worship You.
You are here, meeting ev'ry need, I worship You, I worship You.
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Verse to Remember:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."
Jeremiah 23:5

Points to Ponder:

1. Do I need a king?
— Why & why not?

2. The world's kings:

3. God promised a different kind of king:

4. What kind of king is Jesus?

5. Do I need a king? What does this mean?