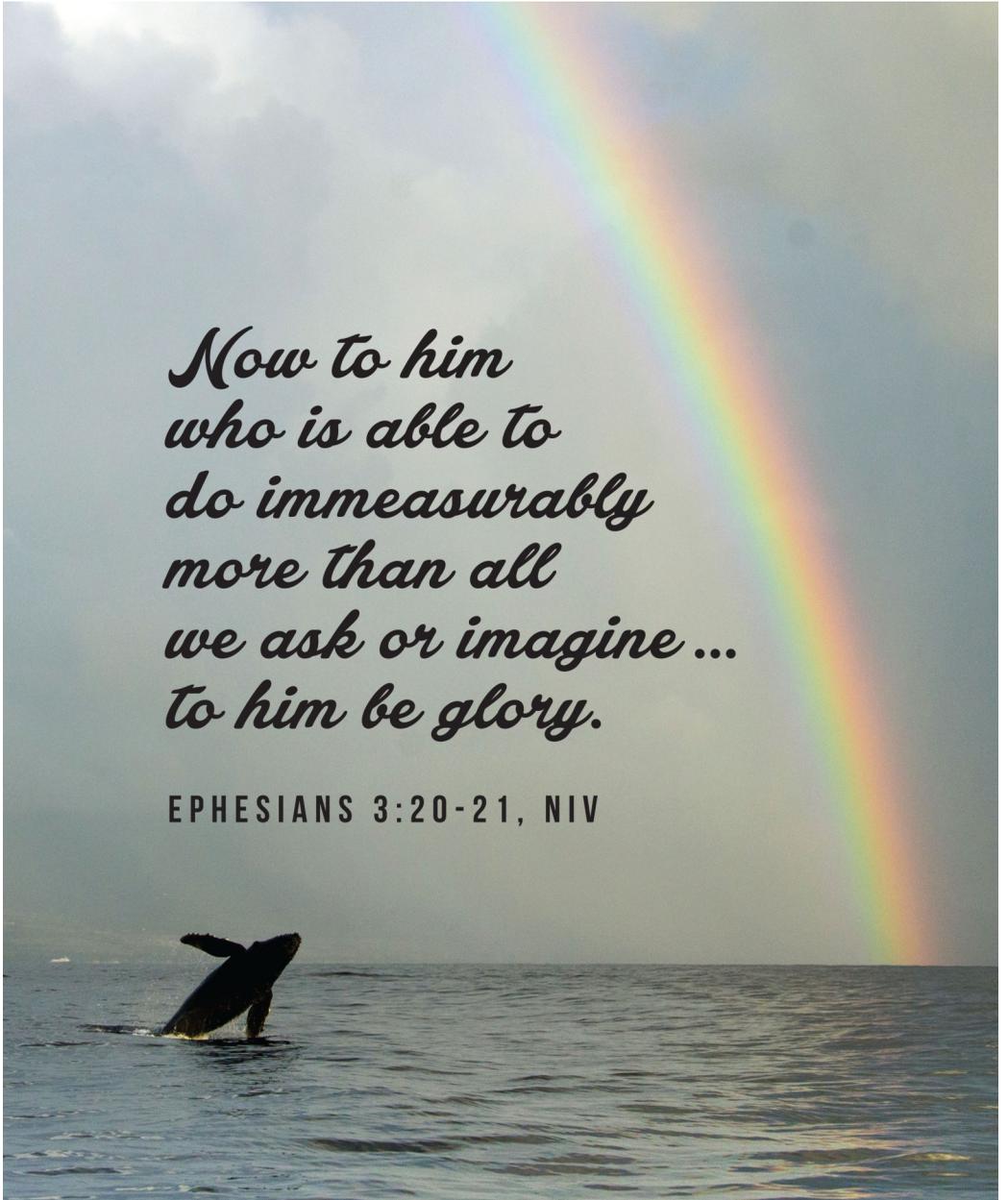


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*Now to him
who is able to
do immeasurably
more than all
we ask or imagine ...
to him be glory.*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV



10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 25, 2021
Sermon: "I Promise" Genesis 9:8-17



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
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Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 25, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

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

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Tim Draube Team

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

Reader: Marge Delzell

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 in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Song “Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)”

You hear me when I call. You are my mourning song.

Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.

Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet. You are my sword and shield,

Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

The One who reigns forever. He is a friend of mine.

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful.

And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful, You are faithful.

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.

The God of angel armies is always by my side. The One who reigns forever,

He is a friend of mine. The God of angel armies is always by my side.

(Words & music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash, arr. By Carol Tornquist, 2013 Worship Together Music, Sixsteps songs,, a Thousand Generations pub. & New Alletrop, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

Apostles' Creed

First Lesson 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.”

Second 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.

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

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

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.

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.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "Lord, I Need You"

Vs. 1 Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart.
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Vs. 2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where Grace is found, is where You are.

Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You when temptations come my way. When I cannot stand.

I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. Lord I need You, oh, I need You.
Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.
You're my one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

My one defense my righteousness, Oh God , How I need You.
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The Word

"I Promise" Genesis 9:8-17

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.

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

Offertory “Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “This Is Amazing Grace”

Vs. 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder.

The King of Glory, the King above all kings
(Chorus)

This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life, That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for, All that You've done for me.

Vs. 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
(Chorus repeat)

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy, worthy, worthy.

(Chorus repeat)

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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?