

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost
July 26, 2026, 11:00am
Divine Service Setting III

Prelude: CCLI 7002032 My Lighthouse

CCLI 7002032

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Bridge
Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)

Chorus
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
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I will trust the promise
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Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation: CCLI 4768151 Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*CCLI 4768151*

- 1 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
- 2 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
- 3 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

- 4 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
- 5 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
- 6 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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Stand

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

LSB 184

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L ¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C ²**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

L ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

C ⁴**Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

L ⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

**All: 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, Amen.**

Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Hymn: CCLI 5856024 Children Of God

CCLI 5856024

- 1 Verse 1
Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Our God and our King to Him we will sing
In His great mercy He has given us life
Now we can be called the children of God
- 2 Pre-Chorus
Great is the love that the Father has given us
He has delivered us
He has delivered us
- 3 Chorus 1
Children of God sing your song and rejoice
For the love that He has given us all
Oh children of God
By the blood of His Son we have been redeemed
And we can be called children of God
Children of God
- 4 Verse 2
The mystery is revealed to the universe
The Father above has proven His love
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve
So we are called the children of God
- 5 Pre-Chorus
Great is the love that the Father has given us
He has delivered us
He has delivered us
- 6 Chorus 1
Children of God sing your song and rejoice
For the love that He has given us all
Oh children of God
By the blood of His Son we have been redeemed
And we can be called children of God
Children of God

- 7 Bridge
We are the saints
We are the children
We've been redeemed
We've been forgiven
We are the sons and daughters of our God
- 8 Bridge
We are the saints
We are the children
We've been redeemed
We've been forgiven
We are the sons and daughters of our God
- 9 Chorus 2
Children of God sing your song and rejoice
For the love that He has given us all
Oh children of God
By the blood of His Son we have been redeemed
And we can be called children of God
Children of God
Children of God children of God
- 10 Bridge
We are the saints
We are the children
We've been redeemed
We've been forgiven
We are the sons and daughters of our God

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: CCLI 1415167 Almighty

CCLI 1415167

1 Verse 1
One day Sov'reign and Almighty
You will show Your power and forever reign
On that day ev'ry earthly ruler
Will bow their knee before You
And revere Your Name
Holy Holy Lord Almighty
Lord we long for Your retur

- 2 Verse 2
One day we will fall before You
Bow in adoration hearing angels sing
On that day we will join their chorus
Overcome with wonder
Lifting up our King
Holy Holy Lord Almighty
Lord we long for Your return
- 3 Chorus
In the twinkling of an eye
We will be changed
We will meet You in the sky Almighty
All the heavens and the earth will sing Your praise
And Your people will rejoice Almighty
Almighty
- 4 Verse 3
One day You will judge the nations
You'll reward Your servants
Both the great and small
On that day
Those who rose against You
Will finally confess You
As the Lord of all
- 5 Chorus
In the twinkling of an eye
We will be changed
We will meet You in the sky Almighty
All the heavens and the earth will sing Your praise
And Your people will rejoice Almighty
Almighty

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Sermon

Pastor Matthew Prince

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Offering & Offertory

LSB 192

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Sit

Offering

LSB 192

Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

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

Response for prayer petitions:

P 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, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Volunteer Commissioning

Gather VBS volunteers in front of the church.

Pastor: Dear friends, thank you for volunteering to share *Tropical Trek* Vacation Bible School with kids this summer. As members of God's church, you'll have many opportunities to share Jesus' love in words and actions as you represent our Lord and our congregation. Will you help children and their families know and grow in Jesus, our Savior, who comes to seek and to save?

Volunteers: Yes, with the help of God!

Pastor: God's Word says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The Holy Spirit works powerfully through God's Word to give us faith to believe in Jesus, to grow in faith, and to live as His people. Will you share God's Word in the Bible lessons with children and their families?

Volunteers: Yes, with the help of God!

Pastor: *(To the congregation)* And you, the church of Christ, will you support, encourage, and pray for the *Tropical Trek* VBS program, its workers, and its teaching and outreach ministry?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit empower all of us and make it so! Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Amen.

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Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- 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, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: CCLI 4037057 All The Earth Will Sing His Praises CCLI 4037057

- 1 Chorus
You lived You died
You said in three days
You would rise
You did You're alive
You rule You reign
You said You're coming back again
I know that You will
And all the earth will sing Your praises

- 2 Interlude
All the earth will sing Your praises
- 3 Verse
You took
You take our sins away O God
You give
You gave Your life away for us
You came down
You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed
Because of Your great love
- 4 Chorus
You lived You died
You said in three days
You would rise
You did You're alive
You rule You reign
You said You're coming back again
I know that You will
And all the earth will sing Your praises
- 5 Chorus
You lived You died
You said in three days
You would rise
You did You're alive
You rule You reign
You said You're coming back again
I know that You will
And all the earth will sing Your praises

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Dismissal

- P** Go in peace and serve the LORD.
C Thanks be to God!

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