



“Harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Jesus’ description of the crowds in Galilee could also apply to the children of Israel in the desert, and fits the situation of many in our world today. God’s compassion for the

shepherd-less prompted Him to choose the children of Israel to be His “kingdom of priests and a holy nation,” moved Him to send Christ to die for the ungodly “while we were still weak,” and compelled Him to send disciples to proclaim that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Today we rejoice that He has included us and the whole of Lutheran Church - Canada in that holy nation to declare His great praises to a world in need of this saving message.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

OPENING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross* (LSB # 837)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
 Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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THE INVOCATION:

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P: Lord God, Almighty King, You truly have done marvellous things for Your world and for Your people. We are slow to appreciate Your goodness— and often reluctant to tell others about what You have done for us.

C: Forgive us our hesitating witness for You, O Lord.

P: Too often we look only to our wants and needs, overlooking the needs of others. We turn away from others in what we say, think, and do.

C: Forgive us our self-centeredness, O Lord.

P: We recognize that we daily sin much, even as we try to do what is good in Your sight, O Lord. We know that by our own efforts we cannot rise above the sin that entangles us. So we come to You for freedom, seeking Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ as we say:

C: God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: God has had mercy on You and me. He gave His Son to die for us and through that sacrifice forgives our sins. As a called servant of His Word, standing in His stead, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven through His suffering and death.

You have His promise of this, as certainly as He is risen and lives forevermore!

C: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Lord Jesus, Thinks on Me (LSB # 610)



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets, You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 19:2-8

²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel

encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is un-searchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:6-11

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified

by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men^[a] because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th and 10th chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 9::35 - 10:8

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were

harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***HYMN:** I Love Your Kingdom, Lord (LSB # 651)*



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-lemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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SERMON: "Sent Out With Authority" - Matthew 9:35--10:8

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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.

THE PRAYERS:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence

For the Church and her witness of hope to the world, that in every city, village and home across the globe the voice of the Lord may be heard by the faithful preaching of the Gospel, let us pray to the

Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor in the fields of the Lord today and for the Lord to raise up laborers for His harvest fields, that their work may be blessed and they may be protected and defended against the enemies of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Lutheran Church-Canada, our president Rev. Timothy; for our East Regional Pastor Rev. Marvin, for our Counsellor Rev. Don, our congregations and our pastors; and for the resources to accomplish what the Lord has given us to do despite Covid-19 and all obstacles and temptations; that united in the faith we may serve the Lord with joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live in this nation, for those who govern in this country, and for the causes of peace and justice, that we may all be given grace and freedom to serve the Lord honorably and in accord with His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and hungry, the homeless and unemployed, and the oppressed, that the Lord would grant them mercy, and that we may help to relieve their suffering and want, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, that the Lord would grant them healing; for the wounded in spirit, that the Lord would make them whole; and for the grieving, that the Lord would comfort them, especially all affected by the ongoing pandemic and its effects [*and those whom we now name _____*], let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who know the riches of the Lord's blessings, that they may cheerfully return to the Lord the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and give generously to the many agencies of the

Church working to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

(Other intercessions are offered. Each petition concludes)

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

O blessed Lord, through Moses You called a people to Yourself and from them You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sufferings and death, He has redeemed us sinners from our sins, and by His resurrection He has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your own people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

BENEDICTION:

Go out into all the world with courage. Serve the Lord as He bids you, "Go!" Lift up the hands of those who serve elsewhere. In everything give thanks, and the almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will be with you.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN: We Are Called to Stand Together (LSB # 828)



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior,
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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