

This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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Bethany Lutheran Church
 703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Sunday School : Fall of 2018
 Pastor Johnathan Stansfield & Vicar Sarah Schilcher

Lost Island Lutheran Church
 3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
 Worship 8:45 AM
 Sunday School 10:15 AM

We welcome you to worship today

July 1, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-WOV BREAD OF LIFE, SETTING 5

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** WOV (blue hymnal) Pg. 10

*Please stand if you are able

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #771, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***GREETING AND KYRIE:** WOV Pg. 28 (blue hymnal)

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** WOV Pg. 29 "Glory to God....."

***SALUTATION:** P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you. (Spoken)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray together.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*FIRST READING -LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

***FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33 (Cont'd.)**

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

PSALM: 30 Please read responsively by verse

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

***SECOND READING: SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15**

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,



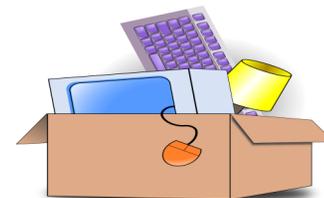
IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God’s love and care including: Owen Lux, RoxAnn Hanson, Phyllis Schroeder, Linda Umbrell, Vicki Ellis, Orville Stephas, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Debra Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Fern Schmidt, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Heide Rienhardt, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Jim Anderson, Rod Snavely, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortensen, Lucille Anderson,, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile.

At this time, we would like to share with you that Dan and Sarah and their family are residents of Emmetsburg, Iowa. Their address is 1904

17th Street. Welcome to Emmetsburg! Hope the adjustment goes well for them. We would like to say “Thank You” for those that helped make this happen over the last couple of weeks.



Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 (Cont'd.)

'Who touched me?' " ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

*SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** LBW #559, "Oh For A Thousand Tongues"

***THE NICENE CREED:** Pg. 32

***THE PRAYERS-**respond with "Your mercy is great"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** –in this cold & flu season you may wish to refrain from shaking hands and just extend the greeting

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** WOV Pg. 35 "Let the vineyards...."

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** WOV Pg. 35

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** WOV Pg. 36

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** WOV Pg. 37

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** WOV Pg. 39

***HOLY COMMUNION:** WOV Pg. 39 "Lamb of God..."

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: LBW #197, LBW #453, LBW #214

***BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C :Amen**

***POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 40 "Thank the Lord..."

***PRAYER AND BLESSING** Pg. 41

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW #887, "This Is My Son" Back Page

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord **C. Thanks be to God.**

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. Grape juice is present in the center of the tray. Gluten free wafers are also available.

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