



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

*We have begun the series of “Journey through the Bible,” which will take us through familiar and unfamiliar stories of Scripture. Sunday school will follow the same stories. Our journey this week is in Exodus, with **The Red Sea**.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin...and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

How Firm a Foundation (ELW #796)

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

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READING Exodus 14:1-9

A reading from Exodus; please read responsively.

¹ Then the Lord said to Moses: ² "Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. ³ **Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them.'**

⁴ **I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord."** And they did so.

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶ **So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷ he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.**

⁸ The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. ⁹ **The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Liberating God, you delivered your people from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. Through your power, you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world. We thank and praise you for opening up a new future for us in Jesus Christ, who delivered us from bondage to sin through his death on the cross. It is in his name that we pray. Amen. – *adapted from the prayer by Moira Laidlaw, www.luturgiesonline.com/au.*

Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Exodus 14:10-30

A reading from Exodus.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶ But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”

⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - Power

SONG OF THE DAY

Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies, binder #145)

You hear me when I call, You are my morning 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?

Refrain: 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.

My strength is in Your name, For You alone can save. You will deliver me, Yours is the victory. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? (*refrain*)

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. (*Repeat*)

You are faithful, You are faithful. (*refrain*)

The God of angel armies Is always by my side.

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APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 189)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Meal

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (ELW p. 190)

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to his table.

COMMUNION SONG (*Lamb of God*, ELW p. 191)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW #465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW #781)

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Ministry & Mission Information

Large Print Bulletins

If you struggle reading this, the words on the screen, your pew hymnal or pew Bible, we have large print bulletins available which include the full service order of today's worship.

Hearing assistance in-ear speakers are available from our ushers.

Sunday School

We began our Sunday school year this morning! A reminder that this year we will run from 9:15-9:50am Children will be asked to bring facial coverings to Sunday school and will sanitize their hands before coming into the fellowship hall.

Online Worship Needs

We're excited to share **we will be purchasing digital equipment and a camera** to improve access and quality for those worshipping from home. Initial funding will come from the church's dedicated music fund; additional gifts for this project are welcome (**please write "camera fund" in the memo**).

Sunday, September 27

Not including those who tuned in online, 65 disciples were sent out from our in-person worship in God's name to make a difference and \$2,850 was given to support our ministry. Gifts given online through tithe.ly are included in the last Sunday of the month total.

Lost Items

Miscellaneous items can be found on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Also unclaimed coats on the coat rack.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon will now meet in the youth room on Thursdays at noon and provides support for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Please call 701-270-2254 with questions.

Binders Available

We have updated the black ULW binders for our contemporary worship services and are reducing the number of binders. If you could use any (8.5"x7"), feel free to pick them up from the church library. They still have the old song sheets in them.

United Quilters

Quilters hope to resume meeting regularly the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, starting October 13-14. Materials are provided, little experience is required! Quilters are asked to wear a facial covering to protect one another's health. Contact Joanne Field with any questions.

Free Covid-19 Testing

Wednesdays, 9am-11am, by appointment, in the parking lot behind the CC courthouse. Call 256-2402 and pre-register at www.testreg.nd.gov.

United Lutheran Van for Sale

2001 Ford E250 fifteen-passenger van, 157,000 miles. Runs well but has issues with battery and some seatbelts. Asking price is \$1,000.

In-Person Worship & Covid-19

For the time being, for indoor worship:

- pews are taped off for social distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will not have congregational singing (**except when worshipping outdoors**) or coffee after church;
- worship attendees will be encouraged but not required to wear face masks;
- additional precautions are being taken when distributing Holy Communion;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services.

Getting Worship to You

Dale Klein continues to make DVDs of our services. We are also streaming our 10am Sunday worship services live on Facebook, then posting edited services and their sermons to our YouTube and church websites.

Visitation

Last winter United Lutheran formed a loosely-organized visitation group. The purpose was to remember shut-ins with visits, phone calls or notes. Thank you for continuing this important ministry!

Prayer Concerns

Lois Jones (Val Olson's sister, cancer), Sandy Almlie, Jodi Hipp

Youth Food Pantry Event

This year, instead of youth collecting food in our community, we will be raising money for the food pantry. We will NOT be collecting food door-to-door, although food donations may be brought to church. **7pm, October 28**, youth at ULC and other Langdon churches will learn about hunger issues.

Youth will then contact people by phone/text, seeking donations; there will be a script for them to use. Let's see how much support Langdon area youth can raise for the food pantry! *(Confirmation won't meet at 6pm that night.)*

Today's Faith and Care Leaders

Reader: LeeAnn Knudson
Ushers: Willy Thom & Edwin Olson
Communion Asst: LeeAnn Knudson
Acolytes: Catelyn Goodman
& Meredith Romfo
Projectionist: Brock Freer
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler
Cantors: Becky Tollefson
& Janet Jacobson

Next Sunday's Leaders

Reader: Sydney Crockett
Ushers: Charlie & Marie Jordan
Acolyte: Tanner McDonald
Projectionist: Kaylee Lowery
Accompanist: Lisa Schuler
Cantors: Sydney Crockett
& Brenna Schuler

The Week Ahead at ULC

Today: 2:30PM Pastor Karl at Osnabrock Community Living Center
Wednesday: 6PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7PM 9th Grade Confirmation (**just the girls**)
Thursday: 12PM Al-Anon in the youth room
Friday: 5PM Wedding rehearsal
Saturday: 4PM Johnson/Fischer wedding
Chock/Wagner wedding in Minnesota
Next Sunday: 9:15AM Sunday school
10AM Worship

Welcome to United! We are glad you're here and we pray today's worship would be a blessing to you. Children are welcome here; we have a "quiet space" just in our fellowship area just out our sanctuary's south doors and a nursery with a speaker available to listen to the worship service. If you are looking for a church home or would like more information, please let Pastor Karl know.

Questions from today's Bible stories of *The Red Sea*:

- God went before the Israelites in a pillar of cloud and fire to guide them. How does God guide you?

- After Pharaoh had let the Israelites go, he changed his mind and chased after them to keep them from freedom. When have you felt difficulty chased after you, even when things seemed to be getting better for you?

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- I/we received communion today (please indicate at least annually)
- I contributed my offering with Bill Pay through my bank
- Prayers requested/answered:
- I would like a Pastor to call regarding:

Today, I am a

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Visitor

Please send me information about membership in United Lutheran Church

I am a member of another church. Where?

What brought you to United today?