

# September 8, 2019

11 am



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

**WE LOVE FAMILIES!** Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

**KIDS' AREA:** There is a kids' area available after the Children's Message. Have your children meet the workers in back after the lesson is over. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall after worship.

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**CONNECT WITH US:** Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

**INFO AREA.** Say hi to Pastor after worship, ask questions about our church community, and grab information to look at later.



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# Opening Song

Indescribable

*(please stand)*

**From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation revealing your majesty  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming**

## ***REFRAIN***

***Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, unshakeable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God***

**Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom**

## ***REFRAIN***

**You are amazing God**

## ***REFRAIN***

**Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same  
You are amazing God  
You are amazing God**

Text & Music by Laura Story; Recorded by Chris Tomlin

# We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness <sup>1</sup>

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** *(Psalm 119:97-99,103)*

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

*(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

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<sup>1</sup> 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us all our sins." So the Pastor assures our believing hearts of God's promise – forgiveness of sins.

## Song of Praise

## *Indescribable (Reprise)*

**Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same  
You are amazing God  
You are amazing God**

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-4,11-17,37

**19** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

<sup>3</sup> “ ‘Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>4</sup> “ ‘Do not turn to idols or make metal gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup> “ ‘Do not steal.

“ ‘Do not lie.

“ ‘Do not deceive one another.

<sup>12</sup> “ ‘Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> “ ‘Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

“ ‘Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

<sup>14</sup> “ ‘Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> “ ‘Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

<sup>16</sup> “ ‘Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“ ‘Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> “ ‘Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

<sup>37</sup> “ ‘Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the LORD.’ ”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139a

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

## Second Lesson

Romans 3:21-27

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.

Have I not commanded you be strong and courageous?  
Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged  
For the Lord, your God, will be with you, wherever you go!  
Wherever you go.

## CHILDREN'S LESSON



After the children's lesson, a kids' area is available.  
Meet the workers in back, and they will take the kids to  
the playroom. You can pick them up at any time.

## Song of the Day

## Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone

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

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
To Jesus, now, I cleave.

### *REFRAIN*

*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*

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### *REFRAIN (x2)*

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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## The Message

## MESSY: What is Sin?

Mark 10:17-27

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

## Notes:



## We Confess Our Faith in God

## The Apostles' Creed<sup>2</sup>

*(please stand)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

*(be seated)*



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<sup>2</sup> As we speak these words, we join with Christians throughout the centuries who have confessed the truths taught in Scripture with these words.

*(please stand)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Spoken by the Pastor

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen!**

# Closing Song

# Rescuer

There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter  
The one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

## *REFRAIN*

*He's our rescuer*  
*He's our rescuer*  
*We are free from sin forever more*  
*Oh how sweet the sound*  
*Oh how grace abounds*  
*We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

He is beauty for the blind man  
Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary  
Rest for those who strive  
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life  
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth and life

## *REFRAIN*

*(Repeat 2x)*

So, come and be chainless  
Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
For there is redemption  
For every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary

He's our rescuer  
He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer.  
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dorothy Simon  
in memory of Don Simon.*

- **Garden Kids** is a great place for kids of all ages to learn more about their Savior. Sundays at 10am in the Early Childhood Center.
- **Growth Groups** are a great way to dig deeper into the past Sunday's sermon, connect with others and grow in faith. Sign up now at [GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups) to find a group near you.
- **Starting Point** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Check out [GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups) to sign up.
- **Sermon Archives.** Missed some of the sermons? Visit [GatherToTheGarden.com/Messages](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/Messages) for the sermon archive.

### Thanks to those who served this week . . . September 8, 2019

**9 am**

**Music:** Ryan Diggs

**Ushers:** Ken Karber, Chad Brinley

**Kids' Area:** Sonia Dupree,  
Julianna Kiecker

**Fellowship:** Sonia Dupree, Gladys Kaus

**11 am**

**Music:** Carol Carson, Travis Gray &  
Bridget Mason-Gray, Sam Meyer,  
Julianna Kiecker

**Ushers:** Adam Groth, Bob Etter,  
Paul Voigt

**Kids' Area:** Emily Young, Beth Wei,  
Nikki Little

**Fellowship:** Adam Groth, Dee Voigt,  
Matt & Danielle Cosgrave

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