

# Celebrate

*Contemporary Worship Service*



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 ♦ 11:00 A.M.



## **NEVER TOO FAR** **A SERMON SERIES**

### **GATHERING**

**Gathering Song** – “Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner (Chains),” David Crowder, Ed Cash, and Seth Philpott

1. Lift your head weary sinner  
The river's just ahead  
Down the path of forgiveness  
Salvation's waiting there  
You built a mighty fortress  
Ten thousand burdens high  
Love is here to lift you up  
Here to lift you high

Chorus 1: If you're lost and wandering  
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child  
See the walls start crumbling  
Let the gates of glory open wide

2. All who strayed and walked away  
Unspeakable things you've done  
Fix your eyes on the mountain  
Let the past be dead and gone  
Come all saints and sinners  
You can't outrun God  
Whatever you've done can't overcome  
The power of the blood

Chorus 2: If you're lost and wandering  
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child  
See the walls start crumbling  
Let the gates of glory open wide  
If you're lost and wrecked again  
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child  
See the walls start crumbling  
Let the gates of glory open wide

Final Chorus: If you're lost and wandering  
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child  
See the walls start crumbling  
Let the gates of glory open wide  
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## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

### **Sharing the Peace**

**Gathering Song** – “Eye of the Storm,” Bryan Fowler and  
Ryan Dale Stevenson

Chorus: In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

1. When the solid ground is falling out  
From underneath my feet  
Between the black skies and my red eyes  
I can barely see  
When I realize I've been sold out

By my friends and my family  
I can feel the rain reminding me (*chorus*)

2. When my hopes and dreams are far from me  
And I'm runnin' out of faith  
I see the future I picture  
Slowly fade away  
And when the tears of pain and heartache  
Are pouring down my face  
I find my peace in Jesus' name (*chorus*)

### **Prayer of the Day**

## **WORD**

**Reading** – Exodus 32:7–14

**Gospel** – Luke 15:1–10

**Sermon**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Song of the Day** – “Come to the Table,” Ben Glover, Ben McDonald,  
and Dave Frey

1. We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in

Pre-chorus: Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us

Chorus 1: (He said) come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table

2. Come meet this motley crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near

Chorus 2: Come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come to the table

Bridge: To the thief and to the doubter  
To the hero and the coward  
To the pris'ner and the soldier

To the young and to the older  
All who hunger all who thirst  
All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes  
All who've failed you've been forgiven (*chorus 2*)

## **Back-to-School Blessing**

## **Commissioning of Faith Formation Team**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **MEAL**

## **Gathering at the Table**

Offering

Offering Song – “Come Home,” Dennis Gale

Come home.

This is the right place, right here, right now. Come home.

Open your hearts to the holy light from above.

Never can you hide from God's presence,

So you're never too far away from God's love.

Listen to the truth of God's hereness and nearness:

You're never too far gone, too out of reach,

Never too far from God's embrace.

If you feel far away, no one is too far away  
from the precious gift of God's grace.

Come

Listen to the truth of God's hereness and nearness:

We always feel far away, and fears and doubt cloud our minds  
when sin is making us feel blind.

If you feel far away, no one is too far away  
from the precious love you will find.

Come home.

This is the right place, right here, right now.

Come home.

Open your hearts to the holy light from above.

Never can you hide from God's presence,

So you're never too far away from God's love.

Come home.

## **Words of Consecration**

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Song – “Goodness of God,” Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson,  
Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, and Jenn Johnson

1. I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God (*chorus*)

Bridge: Your goodness is running aft er  
It's running aft er me  
Your goodness is running aft er  
It's running aft er me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running aft er  
It's running aft er me (*chorus*)

Communion Song – “Lord Have Mercy,” Steve Merkel

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken,  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of early wisdom,  
Forgive me for my unbelief renew the fire again.

Chorus: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

2. I have longed to know you and all your tender mercies,  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.  
So I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence,  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. (*chorus*;  
*instrumental verse; chorus*)

Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

### Announcements

### Blessing and Sending

**Sending Song** – “Your Grace Is Enough,” Matt Maher

1. Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus: (So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1: Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

2. Great is Your love and justice God

You use the weak to lead the strong

You lead us in the song of Your salvation

And all Your people sing along (*pre-chorus*)

Chorus 2: Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough

Heaven reaches out to us

Your grace is enough for me

God I sing Your grace is enough

I'm covered in Your love

Your grace is enough for me, for me

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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