Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 30, 2024



Thought: Where does your hope reside when life is strained and or difficult? Is faith a résumé of being Christian or integral part of your heart that hears God in Christ when life in turmoil or the end of a problem is not easily seen?

From Lamentations, with words of comfort and hope, the poet appeals for patience and a long view of God's work in our lives. God is faithful. God's love never ceases. Jairus and the woman, both in desperation came to Jesus in hope. Healing happened but more, they received life.

Prelude – Jill Rimington

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

P: Clinging to the Peace of God in Christ, we share that peace with one another. Peace, be with you!

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship

L: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love; and with him is great power to redeem.

C: This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.

L: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

C: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul. "Therefore I will hope in him."

Gathering Hymn – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW #733

https://youtu.be/ErwiBz1QA4o by Maranatha! music

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Healing One, we admit that many of our ills are but the effect of our own wrong or willful choices. We tend to think we are invulnerable.

A time of reflection and prayer

C: When we are well, we easily forget to appreciate and care for the life you have given. Then, when sickness comes upon us, we cry out to you, "Why me?"

P: When, as church, we become insular and exclusive, we reject our mission and you who desires through us to heal division and prejudice, to heal loneliness and grief, to heal sick bodies and souls.

C: We confess the weakness of our faith when we pray tentatively, when we pray not believing that all things are possible for you. And when we pray defining what we expect the answers to be, we are not trusting in your wisdom Forgive us.

P: As the psalmist affirms, it is God "who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your disease, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live."

C: Thanks and praise be to God!

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen and Amen.**

Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise – "In Thee Is Gladness" ELW #867

https://youtu.be/EE8N-BK7ojk by First-Plymouth Church

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.

C: 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.

Preparing for the Word

L: God of the outcast and sinner.

C: God of the insiders and the outsiders:

L: Be with us, transform us, as we worship and hear your Word.

C: Open our eyes to the wideness of your embrace.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Lamentations 3:22-33

The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I will hope in him."

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

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

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

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

⁴Sing 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.

⁶While 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.

⁸I 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?

¹⁰Hear, 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.

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

Epistle reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus.

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, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel – Mark 5:21-43 https://youtu.be/P551JLCVJYg?si=5key9NUgAgvVTSIF

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you O Lord.

Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter. Great is your faith.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23 and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, '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." 40 And 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

Children of God Time https://youtu.be/Y3FZtFxPHpk?si=Sq4VJmbDzPFBzgSP

Message – "At the End of Your Rope" https://youtu.be/djnDoKlu90A?si=6twRceqQvCMop4kr

Hymn of the Day – "Healer of Our Every III" ELW #612

<u>https://youtu.be/bXWpNmYiUrs</u>by Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Apostles' Creed

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

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife (*nations and places may be named*) and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for (*names and*) all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead (*especially*) who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

L: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

C: Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

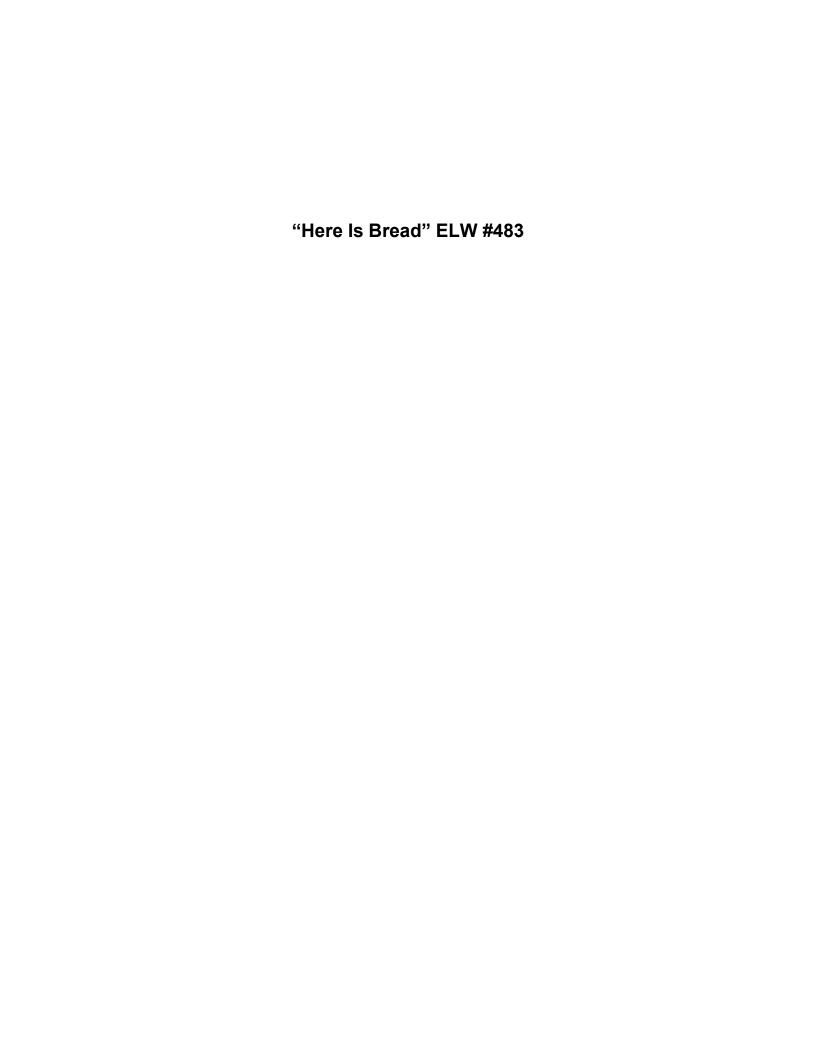
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth!

C: Come Holy Spirit.





Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music – Jill Rimington

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

L: You have called us to this table, O Christ, even as you called Jairus' daughter:

C: "Talitha cum!" "Little girl, get up!"

L: The gifts you provide are one in the same:

C: New life...new health.

L: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6 – Pastor

Sending Hymn – "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" ELW #769

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. We will hope in the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Jill Rimington

