

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2021 VIRTUAL VBS REVISITED



**10:00 AM ZOOM SUNDAY PENTECOST LITURGY**  
**11:00 AM IN-PERSON SUNDAY PENTECOST LITURGY**

GATHERING PRELUDE “The Butterfly Song”

1 If I were a Butterfly

I'd thank you Lord for givin' me wings

And if I were a Robin in the tree

I'd thank you Lord that I could sing.

And if I were a Fish in the sea

I'd wiggle my tail and giggle with glee.

But I just thank you Father for makin' me me.

*Refrain:* For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile

Gave me Jesus and you made me your child

And I just thank you Father for makin' me me.

2 If I were a Elephant

I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk

And if I were a Kangaroo

You know I'd hop right up to you.

And if I were an Octopus

I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks

But I just thank you Father for makin' me me. *(refrain)*

3 If I were a Wiggly Worm

I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm

And if I were a Fuzzy Wuzzy Bear

I'd thank you Lord for my Fuzzy Wuzzy hair

And if I were a Crocodile

I'd thank you Lord for my great smile

But I just thank you Father for makin' me me. *(refrain)*

P: We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our baptism into the  
Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(Congregation Remains Seated)*

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in  
us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has  
promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have  
not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion  
forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live  
and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and  
our truth. Amen**

THE ABSOLUTION *(Congregation Stands)*

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy,  
abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of  
life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Greet one another)*



ENTRANCE SONG “Rainforest Adventure”

*Chorus:* Rainforest Adventure, a tree top Bible blast!

Rainforest Adventure, living life together in Christ.

Every tree in the forest will join in the chorus,  
and sing to the Lord.

It's a Rainforest Adventure, a tree top Bible blast!

*Rap:* We will take good care of God's gifts.

We will keep God in our hearts.

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On our tree top Bible blast! *Chorus*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE VBS PROVERS

L: Share every good thing you have! **C: We Share!**

L: If we can give, we should be generous! **C: We Give!**

L: Grow and be happy in your faith! **C: We Grow!**

L: We love because God first loved us! **C: We Love!**

L: We will praise you and thank you, Lord! **C: We Praise!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE “We Love”

*Chorus:* We love you, Lord, for you have loved us too,

For we can do all things through you Lord, you Lord. *Repeat*

*Verse:* We are the fruit you are the vine.

We will grow in God's sunshine.

Love one another all the time.

All the time, yes all the time. *Chorus, no repeat*

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

P: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 30

We praise you, my Lord, my God.

We praise you in the highest heaven.

We praise you both day and night.

Praise be to God. *Repeat 3 times*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now 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. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing  
the genuineness of our love against the earnestness of others. For you know  
the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thought he was rich, yet for  
your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.  
And 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—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by  
completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift  
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have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Be Happy in Your Faith”

Philippians 1, Twenty-four, says “Groooooooooowww

And be happy in your faith and be happy in your faith

And be happy in your faith and be happy in your faith.” *Repeat 3 times*

Grow and be happy in your faith!



HOLY GOSPEL ANNOUNCED

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 5:21-43.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG OF THE DAY “We Share”

To live, your love, we share, guided by the Holy Spirit.

To live, your love, we share, so that everyone can hear it.

Every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs to the Lord our King.

We are a part of creation too, so share God's love in all you do. *Repeat*

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE BAPTIZED COMMUNITY

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

CONSECRATION OF BREAD AND WINE

LORD'S PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION/OFFERING “If We Can Give”

*Chorus:* If we can give, we should be generous to one another.

If we can give, we should be generous to one another.

We're all God's children.

*Verse:* If you can serve, go ahead and serve.

If you can give, then be generous.

If you can teach, go ahead and teach.

We can use our gifts for God, so....*Chorus*

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG “This Little Light of Mine”

**1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; 3x**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm goin'a let it shine; 3x**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3 Don't you try to blow it out! I'm goin'a let it shine; 3x**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**4 Hold it high so all can see! I'm going to let it shine! 3x**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**5 Shine it all over this great big world, I'm going to let it shine; 3x**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

SILENT PRAYERS, THE SENDING FORTH

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*“Called by Grace, Led by Faith,  
Welcoming All to Share God's Love”*



VBS Style



FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”  
<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,  
<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,  
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(there may yet be hope),  
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and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.  
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according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
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Psalm 30

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 [not printed]

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

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And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

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Robust Adapter

As technology changes, the ways we connect cables to computers and store data also change. New laptops do not have all the ports and drives that laptops made just a few years ago have. And yet, we need all those devices, old and new, to be able to “talk” to one another. Enter the adapter, which bridges two or more ways of connecting. Some adapters are robust enough to connect multiple generations of technology, facilitating connection and communication.

In today’s gospel we encounter a Jesus who is robust at adapting to the different ways people need to connect and communicate with him. First there is Jairus, who falls at Jesus’ feet in a public show of desperation and boldly tells Jesus, “Come and lay your hands on [my daughter]” to heal her (Mark 5:23). Next is the woman who has been hemorrhaging for twelve years. She quietly touches Jesus’ robe, hoping to go unnoticed. Then come people from Jairus’s house who do not believe there is anything Jesus can do. Finally, some at Jairus’s house laugh when Jesus says the daughter is only sleeping.

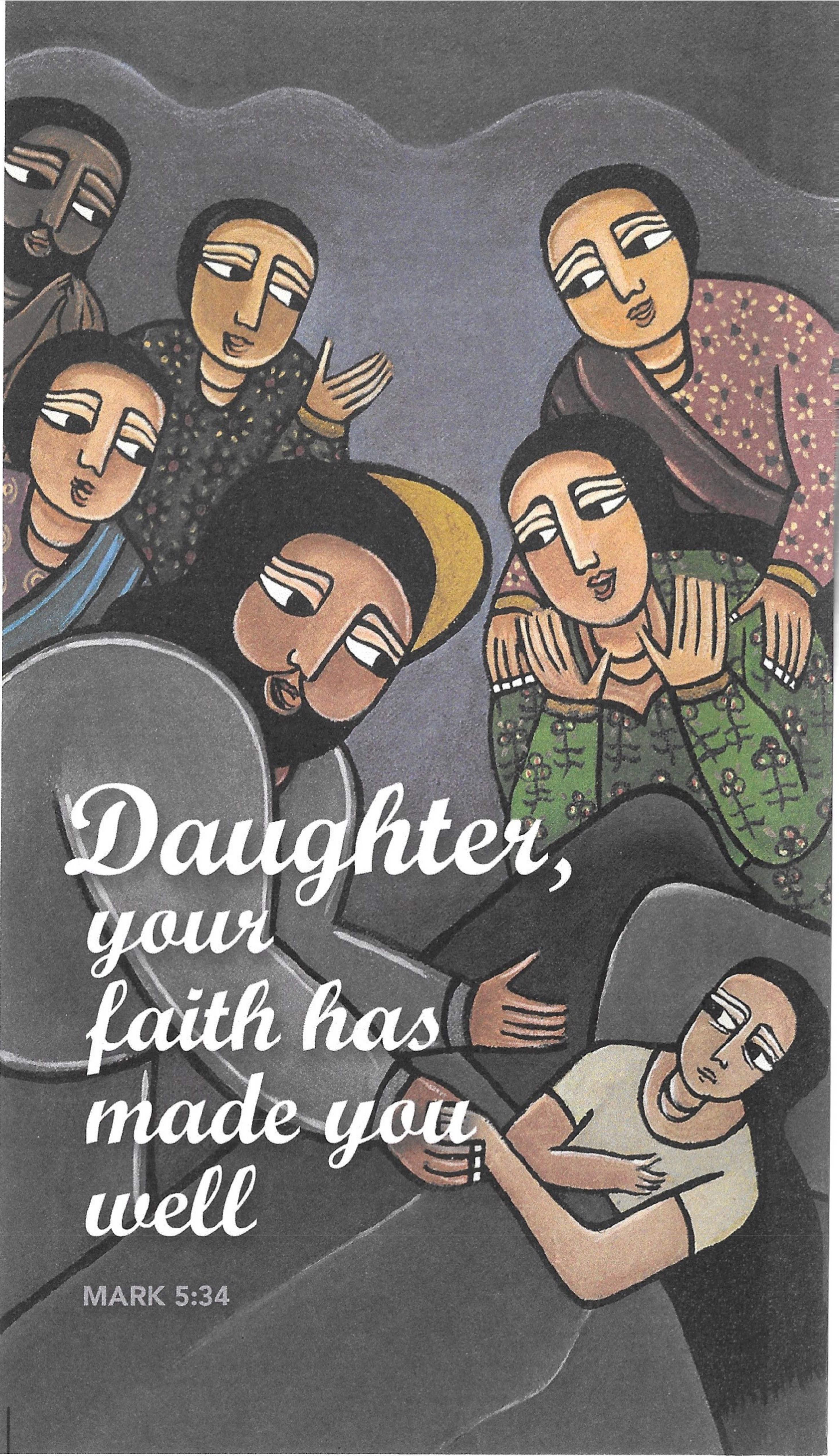
With each encounter Jesus is the robust adapter who meets people where they are, bringing connection, communication, and so much more. He goes with Jairus, gives the woman a voice and a blessing, puts a challenge before the doubters, and puts out the scoffers. These last two groups will certainly reflect on Jesus’ words and actions toward them when they see Jairus’s daughter walking about town.

What posture and pains do you bring with you today? What certainties or doubts? What questions or requests do you bring to Jesus? There is no one way to approach the font and the table. Jesus adapts to meet us right where we are, and then heals, grows, and challenges us. Through connection, communion, love, and grace he sends us out with the blessing that our faith has made us well.

Gospel, continued

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

Next Sunday’s Readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.  
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## Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Preparing for Next Week

**Monday** (commemoration of Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202) Psalm 88. **Tuesday** (Peter and Paul, Apostles) John 21:15-19. **Wednesday** 2 Kings 20:1-11. **Thursday** (commemoration of Catherine Winkworth, 1878; John Mason Neale, 1866; hymn translators) Psalm 123. **Friday** 2 Corinthians 10:7-11. **Saturday** (Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **6th Sunday after Pentecost** Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

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# Celebrate

Sunday, June 27, 2021

5th 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.*

## Prayer of the Day

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.*

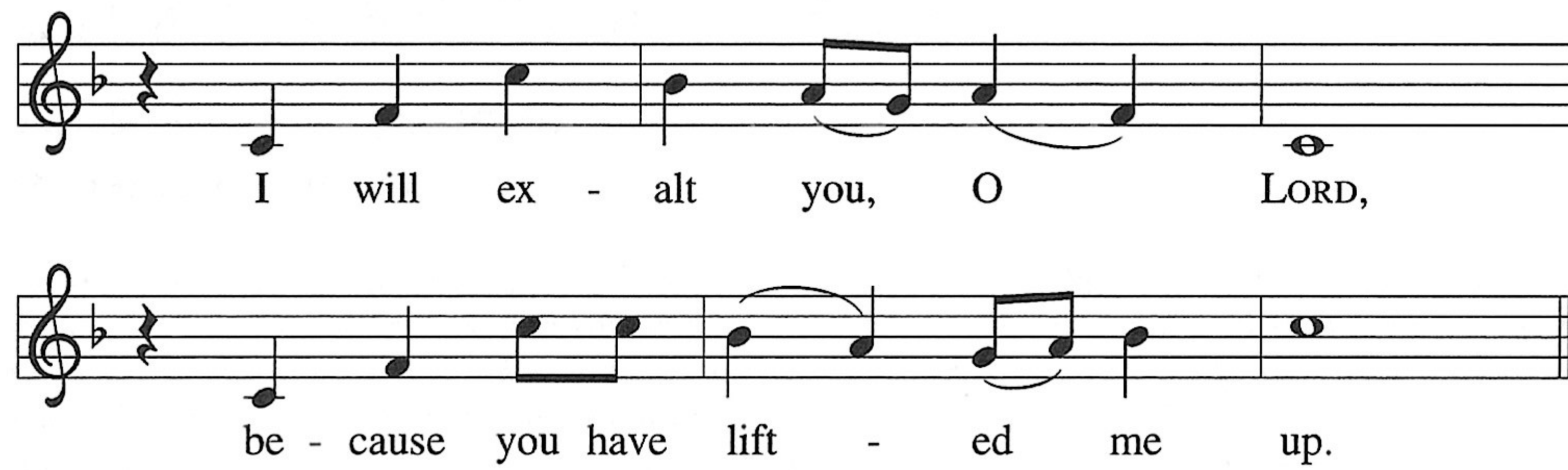
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*Dating from shortly before the time of Christ, the Wisdom of Solomon is a Jewish work influenced by Greek thought. In it, wisdom is personified and is depicted as a gift of God to Israel. In this reading, God is emphatically shown to be the creator and preserver of life.*





I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance. **R**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said,  
"I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong<sup>1</sup> as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was<sup>1</sup> filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my LORD, saying,

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup>clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup>cy upon me;  
O LORD,<sup>1</sup> be my helper." **R**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever. **R**

*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.*

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and the one who had little did not have too little."

## Gospel

## Mark 5:21-43

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

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