

Shout for joy to the  
LORD, all the earth ...  
come before him with  
joyful songs.

Psalm 100:1-2



Sunday, August 30, 2020  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Parking Lot Church

Today's service has been prepared and led by the  
Youth of Big Spring United Lutheran Church

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

The *congregation*, or participants, *respond* with the lines in **bold type**.

## **PRELUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BSULC members are invited to stay after the service for the congregational meeting regarding the construction in the sanctuary. A vote will be taken and a quorum is needed. Thank you.

### **WELCOME**

We want to take a moment and welcome you here today. No matter where you are on your faith or life journey, you are welcome here. If you are young or old, or young at heart, or feeling old, you are welcome. If you are married or single or divorced, you are welcome. If you are happy or sad or anxious, you are welcome. If you struggle with your identity or are confident in your identity, you are welcome. If you are rich or poor, sick or well, you are welcome. You are welcome no matter what color your skin is. If you believe in God all of the time, some of the time or not at all, you are welcome. Come with your pains and sorrows. Come with your fear and brokenness. Come with a mind that is open and a heart that is ready to give and receive love and compassion. You are welcome in this community.

### **GREETING**

We gather today in worship  
In the name of the creator  
The redeemer  
And the Holy Spirit  
We welcome you to worship

**☪ Amen**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.  
*(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

## **GATHERING HYMN (ELW 857)**

*Lord I lift Your Name On High*

Chorus:

Lord I lift your name on high  
Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you are in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us (2x)

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high (2x)

Chorus

## **FIRST READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-24**

<sup>12</sup> Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. <sup>13</sup> Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always. <sup>17</sup> Pray continually. <sup>18</sup> Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Don't suppress the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, <sup>21</sup> but examine everything carefully and hang on to

what is good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> Now, may the God of peace cause you to be completely dedicated to God; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. <sup>24</sup> The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

The word of the Lord.

**🔊 Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 100 (NRSV)**

**(Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.

It is God that made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Making Noise of Joy

(Lennon and Credence)

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Always*

Irving Berlin

(On August 28, 1960, Barb and Boyd Weary sang this song to each other at their wedding. Sixty years later they celebrate their love with us as a musical offering.)

## GOSPEL: LUKE 24:50-53 (NIV)

The Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**☪ Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON: Noise Makers and Party Hats: God's Gifts

*(Silence for a time of reflection)*

## SONG OF THE DAY

*Every Move I Make*

Dave Crowder Band

Every move I make  
Every move I make, I make in You  
You make me move Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You  
Every step I take, I take in You  
You find my way Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Waves of mercy  
Waves of grace  
Everywhere I look  
I see your face  
Your love has captured me  
Oh, my God this love  
How can it be?  
How can it be, Lord?

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: "...Lord in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE COMMUNION MEAL

### THE OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### DIALOGUE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

*Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:*

## **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.**



## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The elements were given as you entered.

Please peel the top film and take your bread.  
The body of Christ given for you.

**☪ Amen.**

Open your cup by peeling back the foil.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

**☪ Amen.**

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you in his grace.

**☪ Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF SENDING FOR SERVICE**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**☪** 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.

**☪ Amen.**

## SENDING

**P** May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus . . . May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. (*Romans 15:5, 13*) in the name of Creator, Redeemer and Advocate.

**C** Amen

## BLESSING

**P** Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord. Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **SENDING SONG**

*God of Wonder*

Third Day

Lord of all creation  
Of the water, earth and sky  
The Heavens are Your Tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy

Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Lord of Heaven and Earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
And when I stumble into darkness  
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of Heaven and Earth  
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Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth (3x)

## **POSTLUDE**

If you have any prayer needs, please reach out to us on our Facebook page or websites.

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**\*\*\*Members of BSULC should stay in their cars  
for the congregational meeting  
beginning at 10:30 am today\*\*\***

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