



Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you
not perceive it? I am making
a way in the wilderness and
streams in the wasteland.

ISAIAH 43:18-19

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021
10:00 am

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by
Tim and Bev Reeb in memory of their daughter **Holly Ann**
and how much she is truly missed.

As We Gather

We are at the third of three Sundays hearing Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse from John chapter 6. "Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him" (*John 6:56*). It is Christ living/abiding in us through His Word and Spirit that gives us the power and ability to fight against "the unfruitful works of darkness" (*Ephesians 5:11*) and to walk as children of the Light in the newness and joy of the Christian life (*Ephesians 5:8*).

"Things that were hidden and secret are illuminated by being placed in the light. And thus a person that becomes conscious of his misery, of his guilt, thereby reaches the point that he, by the gracious influence of God, turns away from sin, learns to know the mercy of the Savior, and then conducts his life in accordance with God's will and becomes a light in the Lord." [from *Popular Commentary of the Bible* by Paul Kretzmann, 1883-1965. Copyright (c) 1921-1924 Concordia Publishing House] Living in the joyous light of God, we encourage one another in that illuminated life and walk, constantly breaking into songs of thanksgiving to God.

Way Maker by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

**You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You (repeat)**

**Chorus
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You**

**You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord** **Chorus**

**Tag
That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are** **Chorus**

Bridge

**Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working**

**Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

Welcome

Invocation

Children of Light by Kristian Stanfill, Jesse Reeves, Jason Ingram, Joseph Barrett

**It's a new day. Ev'rything changed
When Your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son.
You sent the light of the Son.**

Chorus:

**Wake up! Open your eyes. No longer dead, we are alive.
Rise up, children of light, Open the doors; Go let it shine.
Woah! Woah! Woah! Woah!**

**There is freedom in Your Kingdom.
For You Jesus we will be dancing.
Forever Your joy is our song.
Forever Your joy is our song. Chorus**

Bridge:

**Song for the broken, let it shine. Into the shadows, let it shine.
Hope for the whole world, Let it shine, let is shine. (repeat)
Chorus**

**It's a new day. Ev'rything changed
When Your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son.
You sent the light of the Son.**

Opening Sentences

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endure forever.**

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

People: the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him;

People: he remembers his covenant forever.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Because the Lord is gracious and merciful, we know that we can come before Him confessing our sinfulness with the assurance of His mercy and grace. Together, we confess:

People: I confess to almighty God our Father that I have sinned by allowing other things to become more important to me than God. I have trusted more in myself, my possessions, my works, and my own desires. I confess that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. Therefore I pray that He come to me in His Word and Spirit to forgive me and enlighten and keep me in the true faith. Amen.

Word of Forgiveness

Run To The Father by Cody Carnes, Matt Maher, and Ran Jackson

**I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now I'm laying it down**

And I know that I need You

Chorus

**I run to the Father I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding No reason to wait
My heart needs (found) a surgeon
My soul needs (found) a friend
So I'll run to the Father
Again and again And again and again**

**You saw my condition Had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption The price for my heart
I don't have a context For that kind of love
I don't understand I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You Chorus Interlude**

Bridge

**My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest
Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in
And I know I need You now**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Lord Of Lords

by Brooke Ligertwood

**Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for
To worship You Jesus is my sole desire
For this very heart
You have shaped for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift Your Name higher**

**Here in surrender in pure adoration
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant come to bring You glory
As is fit for the works of Your hands**

Chorus

**Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise Him The Lord (of lords)**

**Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race Chorus**

Chorus 2

**Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
All of eternity echoes the song
Worship and praise Him The Lord of lords**

Bridge

**Holy Lord You are holy
Jesus Christ is the Lord
(REPEAT)**

Chorus 3

**Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords, Lord of lords, Lord of lords, Lord of lords.**

Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and

who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Apostles' Creed

All Things New by David Leonard and Michael Weaver

**I've heard You can take what's broken
And make it whole again
Well here's the pieces of my heart
What can You do with them
'Cause I can't hold them all together anymore
So I let them fall surrendered to the floor**

Chorus

**You make all things new You make all things new
God of mercy and love Do what only You can do
And make all things (new)**

**Only You can bring such beauty
From the depths of all my pain
Only You can take this shattered heart
And make it beat again
Oh You hold us all together in Your hands
I surrender all I have and all I am Chorus**

Bridge

**From the ashes from the dust I will rise up rise up
Out of darkness into the light I will rise up rise up (Repeat)**

Chorus

**You make all things new You make all things new
God of mercy and love Do what only You can do
And make all things All things You make all things new**

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Strength Of My Life by Andi Rozier, Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, Jason Ingram

**Let the weak say I am strong
Faith is rising mountains fall away
You are always holding onto me (Repeat)**

Chorus

**You are the strength of my life
You flood the darkness with light
I throw myself on Your never failing love
You are the strength of my heart
I'm running into Your arms
I throw myself on Your never failing love**

**I will walk and not grow faint
Through the valley You will make a way
You are always holding onto me Chorus**

Bridge

**Almighty Savior
You are the anchor for my soul
Your name is greater
Greater than any other name I know**

Chorus/Chorus/Bridge

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy:
People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Educators, Staff and Backpack Blessing

The Blessing

Resurrection Power

by Ryan Ellis, Ed Cash and Tony Brown

**You called me from the grave by name
You called me out of all my shame
I see the old has passed away
The new has come**

Chorus 1

**Now I have resurrection power living on the inside
Jesus You have given us freedom
(Now) No longer bound by sin and darkness
Living in the light of Your goodness
You have given us freedom**

**I'm dressed in Your royalty
Your Holy Spirit lives in me
I see my past has been redeemed
The new has come Chorus 1**

Bridge

**Freedom You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom
My chains are gone
Freedom You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom
Hallelujah (Repeat)**

Chorus 2

**Now I have resurrection power
Living on the inside
Now no longer bound by sin and darkness
Living in the light of Your goodness
You have given us freedom**

**Now I have resurrection power living on the inside
Jesus You have given us freedom
(Now) No longer bound by sin and darkness
Living in the light of Your goodness
You have given us freedom**

**I have resurrection power
Living on the inside living on the inside
No longer bound by sin and darkness
You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom**

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Brian E. Downs, Proclaiming Pastor Pastor Chris A. Spelbring, Presiding Pastor
Elder on Duty:	Ryan Schiffner
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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest and keeping hands folded. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.
