Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church The 8th Sunday after Pentecost July 26th 2020



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Romans 8:28

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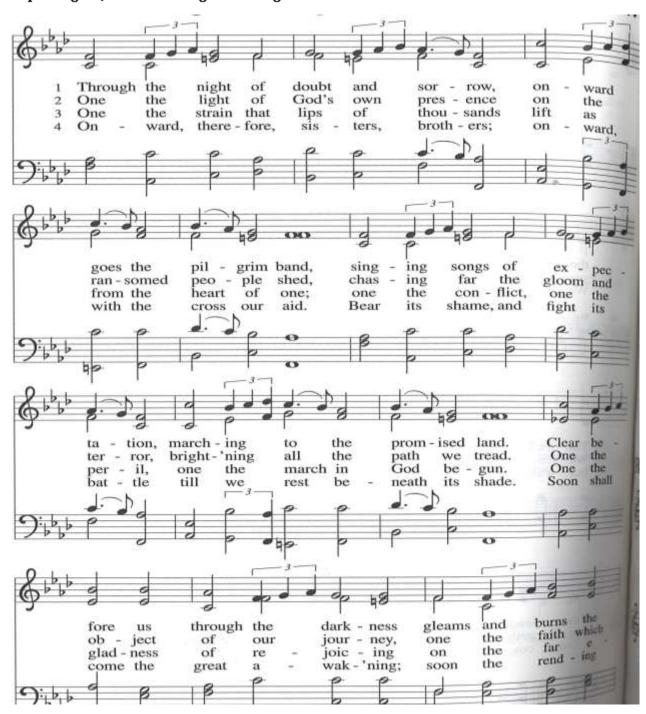
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Piano Prelude "Gymnopedies"

Erik Satie, 1881

Greeting and Announcements

# Opening Hymn: "Though the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"ELW #327 vs. 1, 4





The Apostolic Greeting

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban deceives Jacob by giving his older daughter, Leah, to Jacob in marriage instead of the promised younger daughter, Rachel. Because of his love for Rachel, Jacob agrees to work for Laban for an additional seven years so that he may also be married to her.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was

graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39**

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children's Message

Anthem: "Jubilate Deo"

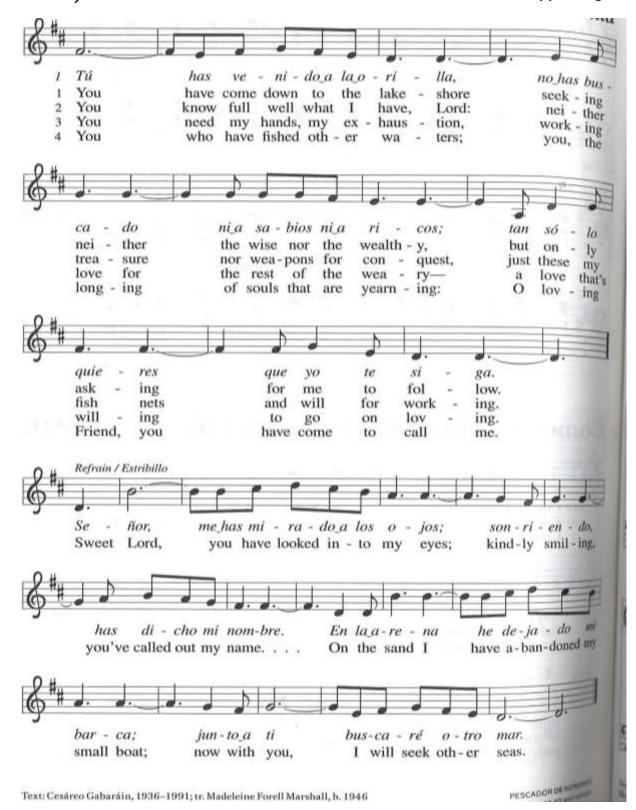
sung by Gloriann, Vicki, and Marlys

'The Sermon "Predestined to Become Christ-like"

by Richard Purvis

Pastor Dan Severson

# Sermon Hymn: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW #817, vs 1-3



### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

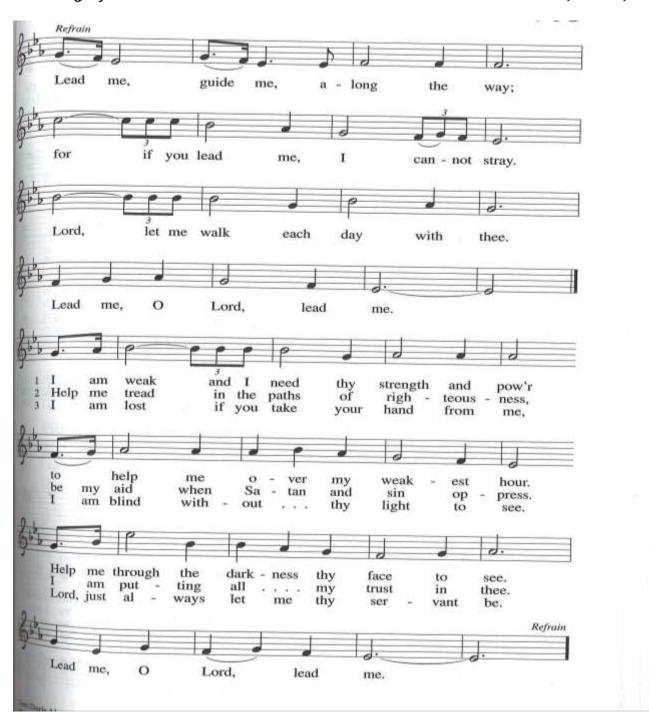
The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BLESSING

Sending Hymn "Lead me, Guide Me"

ELW 768 (vs 1,2,3)



Dismissal

Organ Postlude: Trump et Fanfare-Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret, 1729

Please join us Sunday at 11am for our virtual Café Hope over ZOOM. Check your email for the message from Hope with the link to the online meeting.

## Serving in Today's Worship

Pastor: Dan Severson Reader: Hank Harper Piano: Jan Gunderson and Vaughn Jones Vocals: Marlys Jungroth, Gloriann Jones, Vicki Hanson Organist: Vaughn Jones

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