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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

“Moses – Building a Community”
Lessons from the Wilderness
October 17, 2021

Wilderness experiences are not fun, but they are formative and they are good for us. The wilderness involves fear, even fear of God and God’s plan for us as individuals and a community. Still, the wilderness shapes us into a stronger community that can support and rely on one another. As we begin to exit the wilderness of a worldwide pandemic, we will examine how God used it to strengthen our community of faith in the same way that the Hebrews were strengthened thousands of years ago

P: Presider C: Congregation L: Liturgist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: It is in our confession that we realize our desire for God and our hope for God’s mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first steps toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: Creator of all that is, Giver of grace and life, hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us and make us new creations, through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

P: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

C: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of hope, when your hungry people longed for the slave food of Egypt, you opened the doors of heaven and rained down manna. Feed us with the bread of life at your table, that we may taste the freedom of eternal life and lead lives worthy of our calling, through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: In Jesus's name, we:

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(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT

"Esther's Daughters"

Marion Turowski

GATHERING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

CHOIR ONLY

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

CONGREGATION *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

CHOIR ONLY

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

CHOIR ONLY

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST READING

Today's readings are from the book of Numbers. This book is a chronology of the Hebrew's trip across the wilderness. The first recording begins with the departure from Egypt on the 15th day of the 1st month, and ends on the 14th day of the 1st month 41 years later. In the 1st chapter a census, taken at Mt. Sinai, reported 603,550 males above the age of 20. 38 years later, in chapter 26, the number of males above age 20 was reported as 601,730. Meaning decrease of around 1,800. In addition to the census, the first 10 chapters cover the organization of the camp, the laws, and preparation for the journey. In Chapter 11, after about a year at Sinai, they set out for the Promised Land. Three days on the road and the people began complaining about their condition and food, blaming Moses and putting him on the spot with God.

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:1-15

The Beck Family

A: The first reading is from the book of Numbers, the eleventh chapter.

Now when the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, the Lord heard it and his anger was kindled. Then the fire of the Lord burned against them, and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. But the people cried out to Moses; and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire abated. So that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned against them. The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color was like the color of gum resin. The people went around and gathered it, ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, then boiled it in pots and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna would fall with it. Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once if I have found favor in your sight and do not let me see my misery."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND READING

In Numbers 14, within sight of the Promised Land, the people were spooked by reports of their spies of the land being able to devour its inhabitants and men of large size. If not for an intervention by God, Moses would probably have been stoned. Only Joshua and Caleb, two of the spies, were willing to go forward and not turn back. It is reported Joshua and Caleb were the only two males over 20 that reached the Promised Land out of the nearly 600,000.

SECOND READING

Numbers 14:1-11

A: The second reading is from the book of Numbers, the fourteenth chapter.

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron; the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing

us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become booty; would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us choose a captain, and go back to Egypt." Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the Israelites. And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the Israelites, "The land that we went through as spies is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only, do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they are no more than bread for us; their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them." But the whole congregation threatened to stone them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites. And the Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?"

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:28-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What

sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Interim Children’s Ministries Coordinator

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

“Lessons from the Wilderness”

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”* vv. 1 & 3

ELW 461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us God's own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The word "catholic" means universal. By saying that we believe in the "holy catholic Church," we state that we believe the Christian church is one and undivided. This does not refer to any individual denominations.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness (*especially*), that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

P: Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints (*especially Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch*), continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING *Matthew 19:21*

Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

OFFERING

CHORAL ANTHEM

“God, and God Alone”

Phil McHugh/Tom Fetteke

*God, and God alone, created all these things we call our own.
From the mighty to the small, the glory in them all is God's and God's alone.*

*God, and God alone, reveals the truth of all we call unknown.
And all the best and worst of man won't change the master's plan,
it's God's and God's alone.*

*Our sovereign God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone.*

*God, and God alone, will be the joy of our eternal home.
He will be our one desire, our hearts will never tire of God and God alone.*

*God, and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone.*

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is a meal instituted by Jesus Christ that involves the receiving of God's forgiveness in a tangible form – we receive Jesus's life-giving body and blood in the presence of bread and wine (or grape juice). The meal is a time of remembrance and celebration.

Who can take part?

Holy Communion is something that not one of us has earned, so we receive it as God's free gift of life. The Church traditionally recommends that people be baptized before taking part, but all that is required is simply a heart that believes in Jesus Christ. If a person of any age wishes to be baptized, please let us know.

How does Holy Communion take place?

If you wish to take part, come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the wafer from the Pastor and the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. If you wish to come forward for a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. You may also remain seated if you so wish.

FIRST COMMUNION

This morning is extra special for one of our young members – he will receive his first communion after having received formal instruction. Please allow our young member, along with his family, to commune first. Receiving his first communion this morning is:

Olin Ford

HOLY COMMUNION

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

J. G. Walther

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: **Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him**

**and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life; and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do, and say. God's peace be with you.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven” vv. 1, 2, 4

ELW 542

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.
- 2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next week ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

POSTLUDE

“Menuet Gothique” from *Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

We thank you for worshipping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.*

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 a.m. worship service will be livestreamed through our web site and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in person. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 a.m., as well as access the recording of the service any time after worship concludes. We offer a contemporary worship service at 11:15 a.m.

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