

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

*After Pentecost Lectionary 23, Year A*

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CRADLE ROLL & RALLY SUNDAY  
BEGINNING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL  
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*Ring of Bell*

PRELUDE

HYMN OF THE MONTH      ***O God Beyond All Praising***

**No. 880**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRADLE ROLL LITANY

- L. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;  
C. **for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**" MATT. 19:14  
L. O LORD, your praise reaches up to the heavens;  
C. **it is sung by children and babies.** Ps. 8:2  
L. Children's children are a crown to the aged,  
C. **and parents are the pride of their children.** PROV. 17:6  
L. Train up a child in the way they should go,  
C. **and when they are old they will not turn from it.** PROV. 22:6  
L. Tell it to your children and let your children tell it to their children,  
C. **and their children to the next generation.** JOEL 1:3  
L. We praise you Father, LORD of heaven and earth, because you have  
hidden these things from the wise and learned,  
C. **and revealed them to the little children.** MATT. 11:25  
L. Jesus took the children in his arms,  
C. **put his blessed hands on them and blessed them.** MARK 10:16  
L. The LORD be with you.  
C. **and also with you.**

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREES & PARENTS

NEW MEMBERS: *Gianna Koren, Link Koren, Jaydon Eggert,  
Amaya Lair, Dawson Sathrum, Dakota Grose*

GRADUATES: *Mabel Eggert, Ruby Eggert, Katherine Kirchmann*

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

**CRADLE ROLL PRAYER** *We pray together*

**Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with joy and care of children. As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PSALM 119:33-40**

- <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**  
<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.  
<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**  
<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.  
<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**  
<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.  
<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**A READING FROM: ROMANS 13:8-14** *Exhortation to live honorably as in the light*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 18:15-20**

*Restoring broken relationships*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

**HYMN:    *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*****No. 603**

- 1        **God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**
- 2        **Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**
- 3        **You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release  
From the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.**
- 4        **Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.**
- 5        **Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER – PRAYERS**

**SHARING OF PEACE:**        **P:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING**

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings go to one of our global mission partners.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

- P:**        God of power, God of plenty,  
**C:**        **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

- P:**        Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P:**        Steadfast and faithful God,  
**C:**        **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of  
others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust  
demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**
- P:**        Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In + Christ, you are already, and always, forgiven.
- C:**        **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – *Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.”*

**DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN**

***I Come with Joy***

**No. 482**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

COMMUNION BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be your name, O God,

C: **We have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The God of Glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**No. 836**

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

*Ring of Bell*

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS

INTERIM PASTOR—Kris Ferkin                      WORSHIP ASSISTANT— Ben Short                      PIANIST—Jan Strand  
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## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN/SEP 10	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-streamed w/Cradle Roll
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	Coffee
	7 PM	AA
MON/SEP 11	1:30 PM	Literary Guild
WED/SEP 13	6 PM	NO Wednesday Worship – SEE BELOW*
THUR/SEP 14	1 PM	Love Day
	7 PM	AA
SUN/SEP 17	-----	<b>No Worship or Sunday School @ First</b>
	10:30	Community GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Worship/Food/Fellowship/Service Projects @ Holden Community Park –SEE BELOW**

**\*Sept 13-19** – Pastor Kris will be gone to Board Meeting of “A Christian Ministry in the National Parks.” In Olympic National Park, Washington State. In Case of Emergency, please contact Annette at the Church OfS for Pastoral Care Options in his absence.

**\*\*Sunday Sept 17 - No Worship OR Sunday School @ First. 10:30 AM Community Worship — God's Work Our Hands – @ Holden Park** FOLLOWED BY FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE PROJECTS – Collecting School Supplies for K-W Schools, & Personal Care Items for Lutheran World Relief. For Donation Details see Flyer or Sept Newsletter.