



I Am
a
Child
of
God

Faith Lutheran Church

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Pastor Kirk Triplett

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Confession

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Time for Reflection

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Great merciful God, we acknowledge our constant need for you. Cleanse us from our sin and keep us from those thoughts, words, and deeds that are not pleasing to you. Renew us by your Spirit and cause us to draw close to you. We thank you for the forgiveness of our sins and for making us new. Be glorified in our lives we pray. Amen.

Absolution

(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Opening Praise

(Ephesians 4:19-20, 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name

CHORUS

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil

CHORUS

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood sustain me in the raging flood
When all supports are washed away He then is all my hope and stay

CHORUS

Song “No Longer Slaves”

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies 'til all my fears are gone

CHORUS

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God (Repeat)

Verse 2

From my mother's womb You have chosen me love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family Your blood flows through my veins

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God (Repeat)

CHORUS

The Word of God

(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

Read by Lara Triplett

- ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
- ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
- ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
- ²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
- ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
- ²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
- ³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
- ³¹ For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
- ³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
- ³³ for he does not afflict from his heart
or grieve the children of men.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Read by Lara Triplett

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 16:16-22

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Song “Good, Good Father”

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

CHORUS

You're a good good Father
It's who You are it's who You are it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am it's who I am it's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us (Repeat)

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unattainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still as You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love love love

CHORUS

Sermon

(2 Timothy 3:16, 4:2; Acts 2:42)

Sermon Title

“We are Children of God...Now!”

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Song of Response

(Isaiah 55:10-11; Ephesians 4:1-2)

“Who You Say I Am”

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me oh His love for me

CHORUS 1

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me yes He died for me

CHORUS 2

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God yes I am

BRIDGE

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am (Repeat)

CHORUS 2



Prayers of the Church

(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

After each petition: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

We Pray for:

- Ashleigh – upcoming surgery this Friday
- Mig – recovering from surgery
- Prayers for Hailey (Carly & Frank’s granddaughter)
- Susan – upcoming surgery
- Those battling ongoing health issues – Chelsea, Jerry
- Hawthorne Middle School
- Our Nation

The Lord’s Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

All: 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

Apostle's Creed

(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Response of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Thank the Lord for his love, his mercy, and his grace.

Congregation: We praise the Lord because he hears our prayers!

Pastor: Thank the Lord for his steadfast faithfulness.

Congregation: We praise the Lord because he hears our prayers!

Pastor: Trust in the Lord and believe the promises of God.

Congregation: We praise the Lord because he hears our prayers!

Pastor: Rejoice that God is a ready help in time of need. Sing the glory of his name and marvel in his unfailing love.

All: We praise the Lord because he hears our prayers! Glory be to Christ!

Benediction

(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen

Announcements

Closing Song "Hosanna"

Verse 1

Praise is rising eyes are turning to You we turn to You
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You we long for You

PRECHORUS

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away washed away

CHORUS

Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us
worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have Your way among us
we welcome You here Lord Jesus

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Verse 2

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You we turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new You make us new

PRECHORUS

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Dismissal

(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)

Pastor: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sending

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Pastor: Let's not only go to church...

Congregation: Let's be the church



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in the
highest*

Announcements

- **Sundays** - Adult Bible Study at 9:00am – We are studying the Small Catechism.
- **Sundays** - Kids Sunday School at 9:00am
- **Mondays** - Youth Group Foundations (for youth in 5th grade and up) from 5:30 – 6:30pm
- **Tuesdays** - Quilting Ladies at 10:00am at the church
- **Wednesdays** – Women’s Bible Study at 7:00pm at Terri Westphall’s home.
- **Wednesdays** – Men’s Night at 7:00pm at the church
- **Thursdays** – Men’s Coffee from 8 to 9:30am at the church
- **Sunday, April 25th** – VBS Meeting after the service
- **Next Sunday, May 2nd** – Bring your lunch and hang out after church together.
- **Tuesday, May 4th** – **Compassion and Hope Pregnancy Center** will be presenting information that will help parents navigate the challenges that our youth face today. You will learn what children are being told; Learn current tips and tools to share with your child; Learn how to help your teen make good decisions. The presentation will be here at the church at 6:00pm.

- **Sunday, May 9th** – Mother’s Day - Don’t forget mom on her special day!
- **Sunday, May 16th** – Parish Planning Meeting after the service.
- **Sunday, May 23rd** – VBS Meeting after the service
- **Sunday, June 20th** – Congregational Meeting after the service.
- **Friday, June 25th** – Blood drive here at the church.
- **Sign-up to serve our kids** – Are you looking for a simple way to serve? Be part of the great team that serves our kids on Sundays! Talk to Pastor or Lara if you are interested.
- **Get Connected, Stay Connected** – Please fill out a connect card, that is in the pew pocket, if you are a first time visitor; have a prayer request; want to get involved; or need to update information. This will help Pastor serve you better. Thank you.
- **Last week’s attendance: 31**
- **Church Financial Update for the month of March 2021:**
Offerings: \$10,485 Expenses: \$7,450

(Announcements continue on back)

If you have a pastoral need you may contact Pastor Kirk Triplett at kirk@faithpocatello.org or 530-306-0712.

Pastor Kirk’s office hours this week are:

- Monday: 9:30am – 5:30pm
- Tuesday: 12:45pm – 5:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:30am – 5:00pm
- Thursday: 8:00am – 12:30pm
- Friday and Saturday: By Appointment

Sermon: “We are Children of God...Now!” John 16:16-22

What is God saying: _____

What is my main take-away: _____

How I am going to respond: _____

Prayer for help: _____
