



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | VINJE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## GATHERING SONG

## OPEN OUR EYES LORD

Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God of all ages and all people,  
**You had a dream for the world you made. You had a dream for us, and yet, we have not lived up to your expectations. We have hurt our sisters and brothers and you. We have not cared for your creation as you care for us. We have not held up our end of the bargain. Forgive us, save us from our foolishness, and bring us back into relationship with you and one another.**

God's dream is that all people might know God's love and forgiveness. Today, this is God's promise to you: You are forgiven. You are loved. Now, you get to start fresh. Now, you get to live God's dream. Amen  
**Amen.**

### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

You make promises to us every day, but we get impatient in waiting. Help us to trust that you are at work, making your dream for this world a reality. Reveal the surprises you have for us in your good time, and show us that your mercy never fails us.

**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

### GENESIS 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless,

and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**SONG**

**MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**



1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I  
 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

**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.**

**PRAYERS**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BENEDICTION

God has a dream for this world, and God has a dream for you and me.

God's dream is that we would live into God's life and love.

May you be blessed to be a blessing to this world.

May you be blessed to bring about goodness and justice.

May you be blessed knowing God is with you loving you and encouraging you and making God's dream a reality.

Now go and live the dream.

Amen

## SENDING SONG

## PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**