

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 12, 2020
Recorded Worship

Consolation



Summer 2020 – 2 Corinthians
Narrative Lectionary
July 12, 2020

2 Cor. 1:1-11

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sees and knows all things,

All: And cannot be stopped.

Leader: We speak out of ignorance

All: The things we don't know.

Leader: Praise God, who still loves us

All: The God of our wisdom!

OPENING SONG: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee
There is a sign at the sight of thee,
Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons,
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
There is none beside thee,
Perfect in power
Perfect in power
In love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in
Earth, and sky, and sea
There is a sign at the sight of thee,
There is none beside thee,
God in three Persons,
God in three Persons,
God in three Persons,
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity

Sufjan Stevens, New York, New York; Sufjan.com; from
Songs for Christmas, released November 21, 2006

GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Compassionate God,

All: **You long for your people to find consolation within your community.
Bind us together as your people that
we might seek to bear one another's burdens,
for the sake of Christ,
Amen.**

1ST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11

Leader: A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. ⁸We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, ¹¹as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:25-27

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON - *"God of All Consolation"*

HYMN OF THE DAY: YOU ARE MINE



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

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I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see.
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



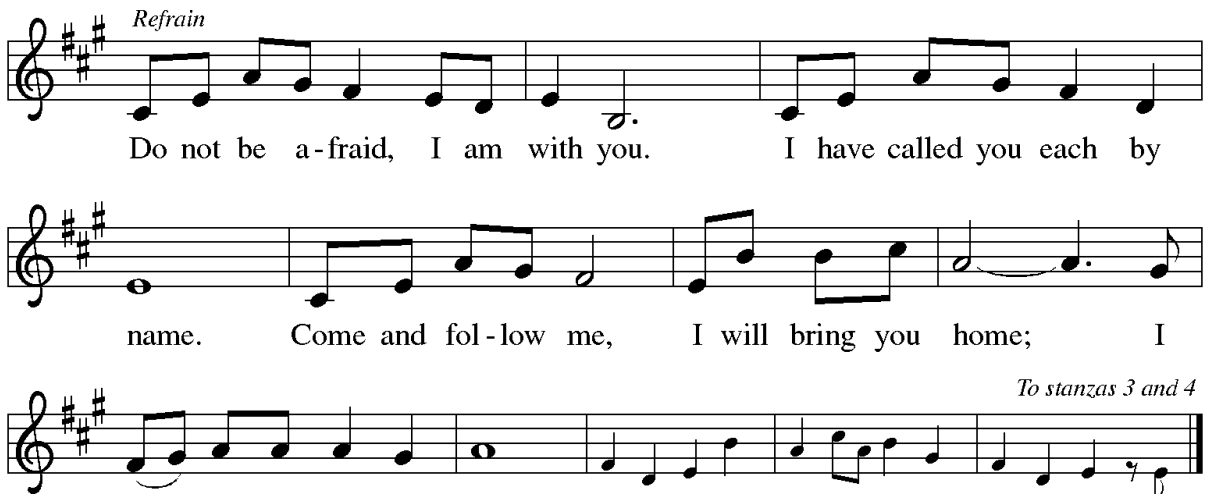
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
 Come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
To refrain
To refrain
To refrain

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine.”

To stanzas 3 and 4

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Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: We share the joys and griefs of our community, O God. Give us compassionate hearts when others are suffering and cheerful souls when our neighbors are doing well, for we are all joined together in one family. Gracious God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: In places where discrimination and hatred still hold fast, send your cleansing and chastening Spirit, O Lord. Reform minds that have been misled and heal hearts that have suffered abuse. Gracious God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: When we look around at the harm and pollution which we have caused in this world, it is easy to despair. Instead, inspire us to devote ourselves to the renewal and restoration of your creation, for the sake of those who will come after us. Gracious God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: To all those whose suffering is so great that they desire their lives to be over, grant your comfort and never-failing presence. Send your healing Spirit to the ones whom we know need it most, especially Lou, Roger, Audrey, Kevin, Nam Sun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Mercedes, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (*brief silence*). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Gracious God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We celebrate the life of Archbishop Nathan Söderblom of Sweden, and all those who work for unity, cooperation and justice. Give us hearts like theirs, and open us to new pathways of working in partnership with others. Gracious God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Gracious God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: Your hands are strong enough to hold all our concerns, and your heart compassionate enough for all our griefs. Hold us together in your love, and in the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord,

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lauren and Paul Haile - *“Let Us With Gladsome Mind”*

“Let Us With Gladsome Mind” - Revised melody and lyrics by Lauren and Paul Haile (original from John Milton (1623))

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

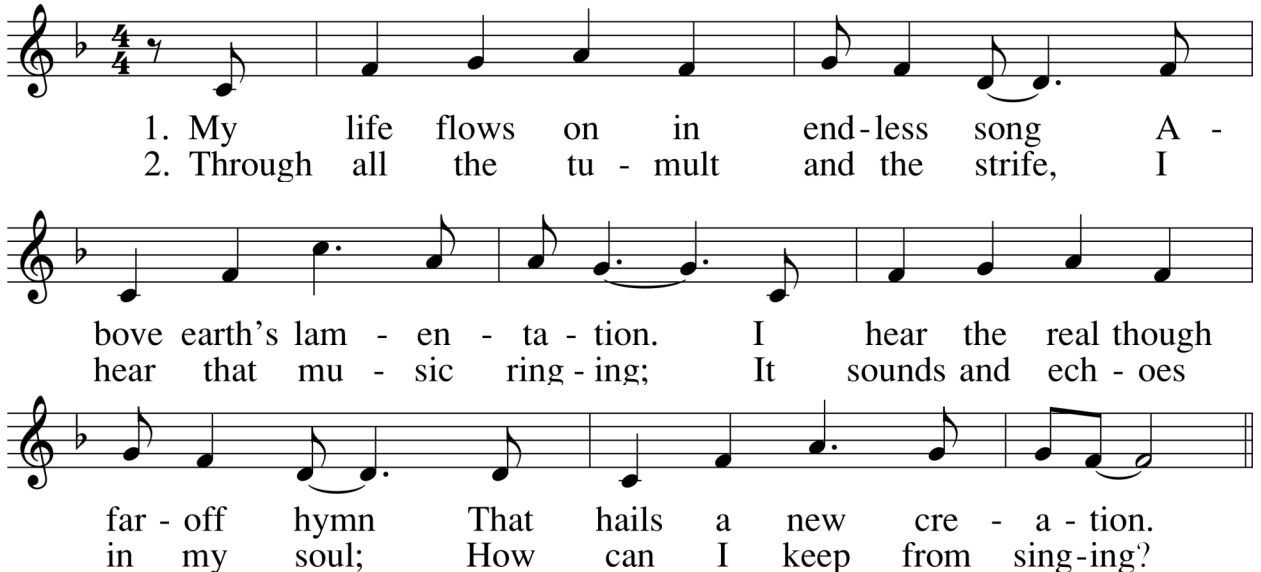
Pastor: God of the welcome table,

All: In this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes

far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, July 19, 2020

Theme: Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Read Ahead: Ruth 1:16-18; John 20:1-2, 11-18



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