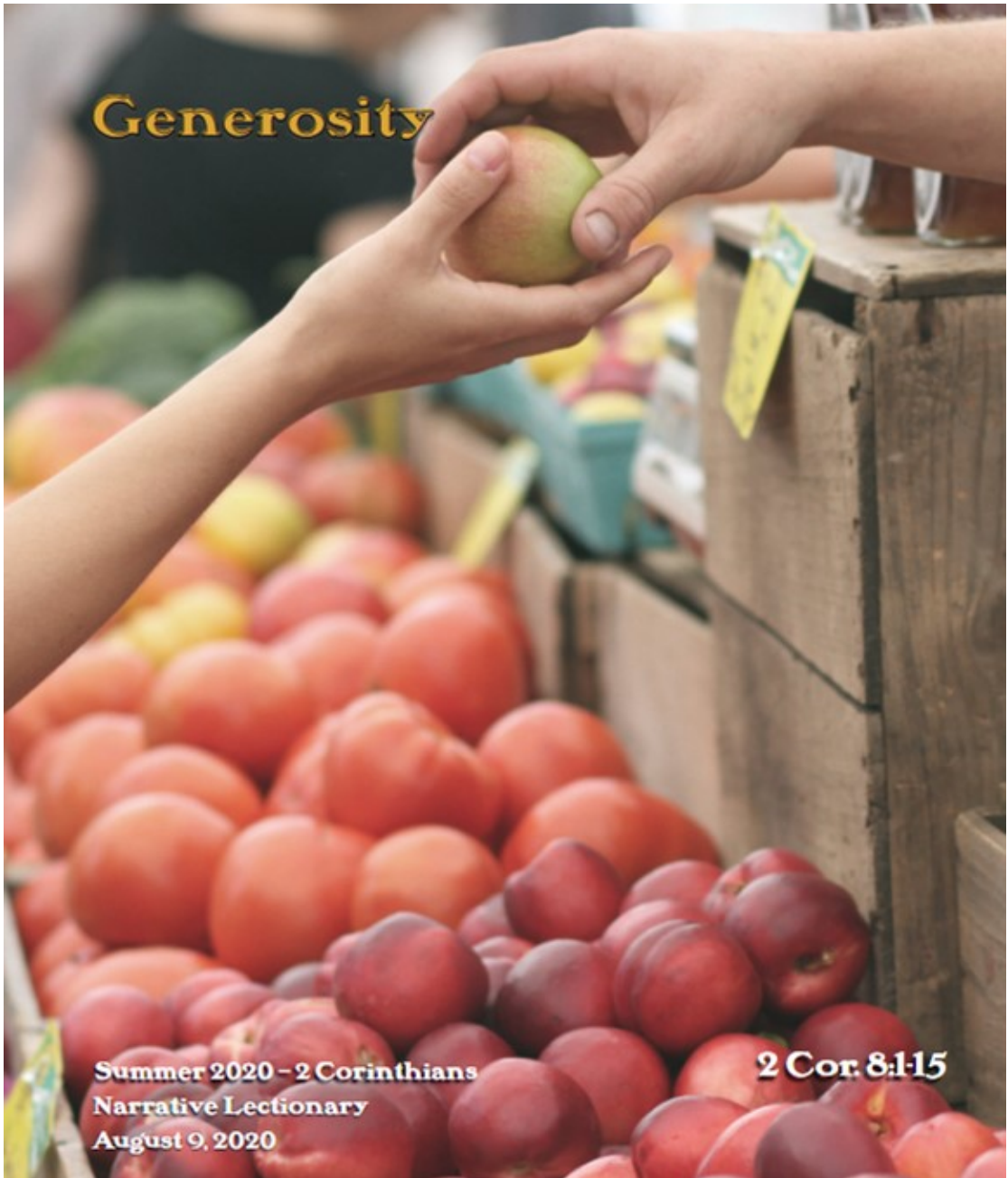


Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, August 9, 2020  
Recorded Worship



**Generosity**

Summer 2020 - 2 Corinthians  
Narrative Lectionary  
August 9, 2020

**2 Cor. 8:1-15**

# WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Though Christ was rich,

**All: Yet he became poor**

Leader: That in so doing

**All: We might become rich.**

Leader: Rich in the Spirit,

**All: And rich in God's love.**

### OPENING SONG: RISING SUN

Verse 1

**Praise Him all you sinners**

**Sing oh sing you weary**

**Oh praise Him all you children of God**

Verse 2

**We lift high His glory**

**Shown throughout our stories**

**We praise Him as the children of God**

Chorus

**Our great Redeemer glorious Savior**

**Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

**Light of the morning You shine forever**

**Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

**Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

Verse 3

**Praise His Name forever**

**Speak it loud and clear now**

**Oh praise Him all you children of God**

Chorus

**Our great Redeemer glorious Savior**

**Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

**Light of the morning You shine forever**

**Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

**Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

Bridge

**Oh oh oh oh**

**Oh oh oh oh**

**Hallelujah name above all**

**Simply to speak Your Name is praise**

**Hallelujah now and always**

**Forever we lift Your Name in praise**

**Hallelujah our God You reign**

**Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh**

Chorus

**Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

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## 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:** Generous God,

**All:** You call us to share what we have been given.

**Open us to the needs of others**

**that we might be blessed through our giving,  
through Jesus Christ,**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

Leader: A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— <sup>5</sup>and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup>so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— <sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John

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

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON:

Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *"Love, Love, Love: That's What It's All About"*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my - self, and I will be ev - er on - ly, all for thee.

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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: Your people are woven into a web of interdependence, where one's surplus may supply another's lack, and where there is always more than enough to go around. Guard us from the smallness of hoarding what we have and losing sight of all the true blessings in life. God of plenty,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: When those in one part of the world are suffering, your people in other places respond in love. Continue to connect us in this unity, which is motivated by your Spirit's compassion. God of plenty,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Enlighten us by nature's balance between light and dark, growth and dormancy, death and rebirth, and teach us to appreciate the changing and complementary seasons of our lives, whether they be marked by abundance or scarcity. God of plenty,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We sometimes become preoccupied by the complaints of our physical bodies and blind. It is easy to turn inward when we believe we do not have enough to survive or thrive. Expand our hearts with gratitude for all the intangible joys of life: health, happiness, and love. Send your Spirit's blessing to those who especially need it this day, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Kevin, NamSun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Karle, 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. God of plenty,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Reminders of life's fragility are all around us, urging us both to treasure the time we have on this earth and use it to your glory. Unite us with those who have preceded us in faith and life, and make their lives shine as examples before us of how to live as your devoted children. Prayers for the family of Olivia, daughter of Betty Harrison, who passed away unexpectedly. God of plenty,

**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. God of plenty,

**All: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: We belong to you, O God, and that is enough. Hold all our prayers in your safekeeping and awaken us to live the lives to which you are calling us, in Jesus Christ,

**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

## PEACE

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**All:** And also with you.

## 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**

**All: 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:** Caroline Flett - "Rainbow"

Words and Music by Kacey Musgraves, Shane McAnally and Natalie Hemby

# BLESSING

*Response after blessing: Amen*

## SENDING SONG: WE ARE AN OFFERING



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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## **SENDING**

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Sunday, August 16, 2020

Theme: Feast day of Mary, Mother of our Lord

Read Ahead: Psalm 34:1-9; Luke 1:46-55



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