

# **Glynde Lutheran Church**

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**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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## **Church@Home**

# **Sunday 18 July 2021**

**Pentecost 8, Year B**  
**9am Traditional worship**

## **HYMN: TIS 217 “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPsxqQsnzJA>

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: R H Prichard 1811-1887 (1855)*

## **WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **IN THE NAME**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Dear friends in Christ:

Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father,  
I, a poor helpless sinner,  
confess to you all my sins,  
and repent of all the evil I have done.**

**I have deeply displeased you  
and deserve your punishment  
in time and in eternity.**

**But I am sorry for my sins,  
and I ask you,  
for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart:  
Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

**I do.**

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

**I do.**

Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent and believe. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

**Amen.**

## **GLORY TO THE FATHER**

**Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly king,  
God, the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are holy,  
you alone are Lord,  
you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (all)**

Loving God,  
we thank you  
that you lead us like a good shepherd,  
caring for your sheep.  
Let us hear your voice,  
and guide us in safety  
along your right path.  
We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **THEME OF THE DAY:**

John 9:1 – 39

“Since I met him I can see!”

*Favourite Passages from John’s Gospel (2)*

## **BIBLE READINGS**

**FIRST READING**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:11-22

*After the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The HALLELUJAH**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel is written in [John 9:1 – 39](#)

(after the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you, O Christ**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** “Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar”

- \* I've got a scarf here.... I need someone to volunteer to put this scarf over his or her eyes, so that he or she can find out what it's like to be blind....

Have the volunteer:

- Try to read the Bible
- Work through and around the others
- Climb up the stairs to the lectern

Take off the blindfold, and say, “Isn't it great to be about to see! Sight is a wonderful gift from God!”

- \* There's a story in THE BEGINNER'S BIBLE about Jesus healing a blind beggar.  
Let's read it: <https://youtu.be/skE3OvbfeGI>
- \* How do you think that blind man felt after Jesus had healed him?  
*Really glad and happy!! Jesus had changed his life for the better, the much better.*
- \* You know, Jesus still changes people's lives today, *for the better, the much better.*

- \* How has Jesus changed your life?
  - You know that he loves you and God loves you, *which means that you never ever need to feel that nobody loves you*
  - You know that Jesus died on the cross for all your sins, and that God forgives you as you ask him for forgiveness
  - You know that you will be with God when you die. *Jesus was raised to life again after he died, and so will we be.*
  
- \* Jesus changes lives for the better, the much better. Colin puts it this way: “Jesus rocks the world!”. Let’s listen to him sing it, and join in as you can....

## **CHILDRENS SONG**

“Jesus rocks the world”

<https://youtu.be/XR0jFaP8oos?t=21>

**Lyrics:**

**Jesus is the king of kings  
 Jesus rocks the world  
 Jesus is the Lord of Lords  
 Jesus rocks the world  
 He rules the earth  
 He rules the skies  
 Jesus is the Lord on high  
 Everybody's gonna cry:  
 Jesus rocks the world**

**We'll whisper in the quite moments:**

**Jesus rocks the world  
 Speak it out a little louder:  
 Jesus rocks the world  
 Say so we all can hear:  
 Jesus rocks the world  
 Shout it out tell everybody:  
 Jesus rocks the world**

**He rocks it 'cos he made it  
 And his kingdom will endure  
 When Jesus Christ returns he's gonna  
 Rock it to the core  
 Jesus rocks the world  
 Jesus rocks the world  
 (From the top now)**

**Jesus is the king of kings  
Jesus rocks the world  
Jesus is the Lord of Lords  
Jesus rocks the world  
He rules the earth  
He rules the skies  
He's the holy God on high  
Every tongue is gonna cry  
Jesus rocks the world**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us\* and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**SONG: "Since I met him I can see" by Don Francisco.**

<https://youtu.be/Nwui3e5VR7I?t=7>

Now it's hard to describe what my life used to be  
To someone who's always been able to see.  
You know I wasn't unhappy or bitter that way  
**But everything's changed since I met him that day.**

I was down by the corner just passin' the time  
Sitting in sunlight and feelin' it shine  
When the sounds of a crowd began to grow in my ear  
So I waited and listened as I heard them draw near.

Then a man stepped up to me and spat on the ground  
Put the mud on my eyes and then smeared it around  
Sent me off to Siloam to wash off the clay  
And I opened my eyes and I looked at the day

**And I have no idea how He did it  
I just know what happened to me  
Yesterday, I was in darkness  
But since I met Him I can see.**

When the Pharisees heard it they put me on trial  
Even called in my parents and grilled them a while  
But when at the end, I defended the man  
Who had opened my eyes, all the trouble began

I said, "Even since the beginning of time  
No one's opened the eyes of someone born blind

This man's sent from God, it just can't be denied"  
And they cursed me and grabbed me, and threw me outside.

I really don't know how he found me  
I just know who was talking to me  
It was easy to tell by the sound of His voice  
He was the reason I see

And as soon as He spoke to me, I couldn't hide  
The emotion that welled up from deep down inside  
And combined with the dreams that He'd made to come true

**To kneel there and worship was all I could do.  
And I called Him my Lord and Messiah  
For everything He'd done for me  
Yesterday I was in darkness  
But since I met Him I can see**

**And I call Him my Lord and my Saviour  
For everything He's done for me  
Yesterday I was in darkness  
But since I met Him, since I met him  
Since I met Him I can see.**

**MESSAGE**

John 9:1 – 39

“Since I met him I can see!”

*Favourite Passages from John's Gospel*

Click [HERE](#) to view the message on YouTube

**HYMN: ATA 131 “Amazing Grace”**

<https://youtu.be/cIYvT745alg>

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see!**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun.**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see!**

*Music: Traditional / Words: John Newton*

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### *Call to prayer*

Our God cares for his people and sends shepherds to feed, protect, guide, and nurture them. Our good Shepherd Jesus Christ knows each of us by name. Let us pray to our Father who is always with us.

### *The regular response, OR:*

O God of peace,  
**hear our prayer.**

### *Suggested intercessions*

- \* for the unity of the church, God's temple on earth, with Christ as the cornerstone
- \* for the preaching of the true gospel throughout the world: Christ and him crucified
- \* for peace and the end to all wars, whether political, religious or otherwise
- \* for peace and reconciliation between families, peoples, and countries
- \* for pastoralists, farmers, and so on, that they may have a good return for their efforts

### *Concluding prayer*

Merciful God, as your Son heard the cries of the people for him to heal them, hear our prayers according to your grace so that your glory may be known throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER. (all)**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour,† and give you peace.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HYMN: TIS 687 "God gives us a future"**

<https://youtu.be/64lXkcwZ06M>

**God gives us a future,  
daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers  
on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow  
in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.**

**We must leave behind us  
sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning  
is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit  
must not hold us back;  
God gives hope and insight,  
and the strength we lack.**

**Holy Spirit, teach us  
how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge  
of our troubled times.  
Love us into action,  
stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life,  
and find our future there.**

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