

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Restored by Love
August 25 & 26, 2012

AS WE GATHER

This Sunday is all about relationships. In the Christian home the relationship of husband and wife is to reflect that of Christ and His Church. In the Gospel Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for using human traditions to deny the love and honor God's Law demands. Today, we confess our failures in our human and divine relationships, asking and receiving God's forgiveness for the sake of Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church.

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

(Rise)

INVOCATION and VERSES

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, defend your church from all false teaching and error that your faithful people may confess you to be the only true God

People: and rejoice in your good gifts of life and salvation;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

9:00 BAPTISM of Mollia Mae Wollerman

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+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 29:11-19 *(Although many are giving God lip service, yet He promises future blessings.)* For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I don't know how to read." The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the

intelligence of the intelligent will vanish. ” Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, “Who sees us? Who will know?” You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, “He did not make me”? Can the pot say of the potter, “He knows nothing”? In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest? In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:22-33 *(The marriage relationship mirrors that of Christ and the Church.)* Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church — for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1-13 *(The Pharisees' traditions void the word of God.)*

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #862 “Oh, Blest the House”

Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!

A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;

They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children’s foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav’n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children’s lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:

Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

SERMON

“...Unless They Wash”

Mark 7:1-13

(Rise)

5:00 APOSTLES’ CREED *(found on the back page of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Mourning our sin, let us turn in faith to the Blessed Trinity, for He is merciful and full of compassion. Father in heaven, we pray for true faith, that all Christians be defended from false teaching and error.

People: Give us wisdom that we might not confuse the wisdom of the world with your holy Word, will, and commandments.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, we pray for our schools and universities, that those who teach and those who learn in them do so according to the Word of God.

People: Guide us all by your Spirit, that neither young or old may be lead astray from walking with you.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we pray for our families. We pray for children, that they be brought up to fear and love the Lord, and to honor their fathers, mothers, and all in authority. We pray for Mollia, your newest family member.

People: We pray also for parents, that they be given the wisdom and patience to raise God-fearing children.

Pastor: Almighty God, at the beginning of time you instituted holy marriage. Therefore we pray for husbands and wives, that in their vocations they sacrificially love each other and submit to one another, neither indulging in selfish whims, nor neglecting the needs of the other.

People: We pray also for those who have experienced broken homes and families. Forgive the sin that led to brokenness, strengthen them by your grace, and heal the hearts of all those affected.

Pastor: God of us all, we pray for a right use of the Sacrament, that those who approach the altar this day do so worthily, sorry for our sins and with a willingness to repent of all sin,

People: and in confident belief that Jesus' body and blood are given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and for our salvation.

Pastor: God of healing and hope, we pray for the sick, for the dying, for all who are suffering including Ron, Gerald, and Joe,

People praying that you grant them healing, comfort and patience to endure their afflictions.

Pastor: For those who remember loved ones already in heavenly glory, including Nancy, grant them peace. For those who celebrate your glorious gifts, we praise your name with Jeff, Darla, Russ and Edith. For these and whatever else you know we need, hear us, dear Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

5:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN *(Tune: LSB #851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us)*

Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, You the world's sin take away.

Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, You the world's sin take away.

Ev'ry spot and ev'ry blemish Of Your bride You turn pure white.

Grant to us Your peace, Lord Jesus, Till our faith is turned to sight.

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(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

HYMN #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

HYMN #636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.

Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You
Worthily let me receive You And, so forward, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through
the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that you have strengthened
us through this Sacrament. Go with us now as we share your love and
forgiveness in the circles of our family and friends, through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 favor and + give you
peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be , O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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