

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

You Go, and Do Likewise

July 13 & 14, 2013

### AS WE GATHER

Who is my neighbor? The lawyer in today's Gospel reading asked this question to "justify himself." If he could get a narrow enough definition of his neighbor, then he could consider himself to have kept the commandments perfectly. But Jesus told the lawyer a story---the Good Samaritan---shattering any possibility for the lawyer to justify himself. The story works on us, too. The path to eternal life starts with God's mercy for us in Christ. Baptized into Christ, we die daily to sin and are raised to new life---life marked by loving God and realized in loving our neighbor. Rather than a justification of our perfection, loving our neighbor becomes the result of God's justifying us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### WELCOME

*"They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

### OPENING HYMN #907 "God Himself Is Present"

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him,  
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.  
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present; Hear the harps resounding:  
See the hosts the throne surrounding. "Holy, holy, holy!"  
Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear To us here; Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshipping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: You shall love the Lord your God

**People: with all your heart.**

Pastor: You shall love the Lord your God.

**People: with all your soul.**

Pastor: You shall love the Lord your God.

**People: with all your strength.**

Pastor: You shall love the Lord your God.

**People: with all your mind.**

Pastor: You shall love the Lord your God

**People: and your neighbor as yourself.** *Luke 10:27, adapted*

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord our God, you have loved us in Christ with love beyond measure or compare.

**People: Yet we have sinned against you and against one another.**

Pastor: We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**People: We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

Pastor: We have turned a deaf ear to your good commandments.

**People: We have failed to bear the fruit of repentance.**

Pastor: Amidst our temptation to explain, excuse, or ignore our sin, we confess it all to you, as you have invited us to do and we ask for your mercy on us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace and mercy be upon you now and forever!

**People: Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**"This Is the Feast"**

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

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

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

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

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

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in your deep compassion you rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love you above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**10:30 BAPTISM** of Landon Bryan Hackbarth

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*Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service.*

**+ WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18 (*Love Your Neighbor*)

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'I am the LORD your God. You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.' "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.' "Do not steal. "Do not lie. 'Do not deceive one another. "Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. "Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. "Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight. "Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. "Do not go about spreading slander among your people."Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. "Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

**EPISTLE** Colossians 1:1-14 (*Thanksgiving and Prayer*)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may all spiritual wisdom please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being

strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 10:25-37 (*The Parable of the Good Samaritan*)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

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Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die, There to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.  
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

**SERMON**                      *“Deliverance From Life in the Pit”*                      **Colossians 1:1-14**

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

**Refrain:** *And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own, and joy we share, as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. *Refrain*

(Rise)

**5:00 & 8:00 NICENE CREED** (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** 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)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Jesus Christ, and for all people according to their needs. Merciful Lord, your Son became our Good Samaritan and came to our aid when we were in need of your mercy.

**People:** **Teach us to be ambassadors of your goodness to our neighbors and those who need our mercy, that we might love them as you have loved us in your Son.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, the Apostle Paul did not cease to pray for the church in Colossae, praying that she might be filled with the knowledge of your will and all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

**People:** **Stir up in us a spirit of intercession for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world, that we might daily remember them in prayer, even as they remember us.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, you have granted your people the inheritance of the saints in light, delivering us from the domain of darkness and bringing us into the kingdom of your Son. Bless LCMS President-Elect Matthew Harrison as he begins his second term.

**People:** **Guide him as he leads our Synod according to your will. Bless our Synod in convention this week. Grant that our delegates would seek to serve the good of their neighbors in praise of your name, conduct business in a brotherly spirit, and allow faithfulness to your Word to guide every resolution.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, you have entrusted the sword to temporal authority to punish those who do wrong and protect those who do right. Grant courage and steadfastness to those who govern.

**People:** **Grant them to defend the defenseless, pursue the wicked and exercise their authority responsibly, that all citizens of this land might be served through them.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, you have commanded that special attention and care be paid to the fatherless and widows. Abide with all who are lonely. Use us to visit the homebound and those in care facilities, those who require ongoing care and those in hospice.

**People:** **Remember our brothers and sisters who are in need of our mercy and visitation, and use us also to draw the wayward back into active fellowship in Christ's church.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, your Son, our Good Samaritan stopped and came to us to pour the oil and wine of His healing and forgiveness on our broken lives. Continue to care for us each day you give us life. Remember the sick, the suffering, the poor and those afflicted in any way, including Barbara, Louise, Lorina, Anna, Laura, Bill, Eleanor, Carol, Jean, Sarah and Joe and all who have requested our prayers. We ask that you comfort Angie and her family as they mourn the death of Lucille. Grant them your eternal hope as they wait for their grand reunion in heaven. Be with Nancy as she remembers her husband Jimmy.

**People:** Heal us temporally and eternally with the crucified and resurrected body and blood of Jesus, with which you will feed us in the Holy Supper, for the forgiveness of all our sin.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, we are grateful for all your blessings, joining with Jay, Doug, Melissa, Erika, Frank and Jean who celebrate your goodness in these days. We also pray for Landon and his family as he becomes our newest member through the washing of Holy Baptism.

**People:** Fill us all with joy for both the earthly and spiritual blessings you bestow.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**"Lamb of God"**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.  
(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 #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.

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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.

**HYMN #605 "Father Welcomes"**

*Refrain:*

**Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain*

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

**HYMN #609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"**

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

*Continued*

Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression.  
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion:  
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven:  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord, who has set you free in Christ to keep His commandments, bless you. The Lord, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, keep you. The Lord, who has immeasurable compassion and mercy through Jesus, give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's waring madness; Bend our pride to Your control:  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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