

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Silence Is Deadly
October 13 & 14, 2012

AS WE GATHER

In worship, God acts, speaks, and gives of Himself through Word and Sacrament. In song, prayer, liturgy, we respond to His merciful grace, forgiveness, and guidance. Living by grace allows us to speak and receive words of criticism and of encouragement from one another. As God's people we can be bold witnesses and caretakers, balancing the need for both Law and Gospel. The Holy Scriptures reveal God's judgment and God's love! We dare not persuade our neighbors to live worldly lives that blind them to Christ, the one true heavenly treasure. Our silence would be deadly; but the unhindered proclamation of the Gospel is life-giving!

8:00 PRESERVICE ANTHEM *"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"* Concert Choir

8:00 PRELUDE *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* Brass Choir

10:30 PRESERVICE ANTHEMS *"Holy" and "Glorified"* Troubadours

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT

Dr. Wayne Jensen, ML Principal

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

8:00 (arr. Kenneth T. Kosche) **Stanza 3 – choir only**

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Having gathered to worship the one true God, , let us prepare to receive our Lord under bread and wine by examining ourselves and confessing our sins. St. Paul exhorts us to "bear one another's burdens."

People: We confess that we have too often expected government and charitable agencies to meet the needs of the sick and needy in society. We have not shared our wealth; we have not put our neighbors' troubles above our own comfort. O Lord, our dwelling place in all generations, hear and forgive us.

Pastor: Today, the Epistle writer encourages us to "exhort one another every day."

People: We confess that we have too often expected the clergy, called teachers, and elected church officers to be solely responsible for the care and ministry of the church. We have watched from the sidelines; we have not shared our convictions of faith with our brothers and sisters in Christ. O Lord, our dwelling place in all generations, hear and forgive us.

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come, follow Me."

People: We confess that we have too often reflected the people of Amos's day and thought it wise to keep silent, fearing the displeasure of people around us instead of faithfully following our Lord. With the man questioning Jesus, we have sought worldly wealth and approval more than heavenly treasure. O Lord, our dwelling place in all generations, hear and forgive us.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The prophet Amos promises that "the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you" (*Amos 5:14*). By grace alone, "we have come to share in Christ" (*Hebrews 3:14*). He is our treasure in heaven (*Mark 10:21*). God fulfills all promises through the sacrifice of His Son for us; therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

KYRIE (*spoken*)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from God's steadfast love, assuring us of our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace which this fallen world needs, for the Church as it follows her Lord, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who respond to God's Word in worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #794 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'n-ly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven.
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r.
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us,

People: help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in you our heavenly treasure;

Pastor: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

5:00 BAPTISM of Isla Rachele Mowery

Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service. Thank you.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (*Seek the Lord and live.*) Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

EPISTLE Hebrews 3:12-19 (*Exhort one another.*) See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

8:00 ANTHEM "O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" *Concert Choir*
10:30 ANTHEM "My Jesus, I Love Thee" *Troubadours*

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:17-22 (*Seek treasure in heaven rather than worldly wealth.*) As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. (Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

8:00 (*arr. Robert Hobby*) **Stanza 4 – choir only**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

SERMON *"The Good that Gains Eternal Life"* Mark 10:17-22

(Please rise)

8:00 & 10:30 NICENE CREED *(found on the 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.

8:00 ANTHEM *During Offering "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"* Brass Choir

(Please rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Gathered in the name of Jesus and assured of His promised presence, let us call on our heavenly Father for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world, and for all people. Father in Heaven, bless your holy church with the faithful proclamation of salvation in Christ Jesus, that many may confess their sins and find the good that leads to eternal life.

People: Grant that the Word of life be spread to the ends of the earth so that many would come to saving faith.

Pastor: Lord of the church, raise up among us men, both young and old, to prepare themselves for service as pastors in your church,

People: and lead many others to dedicate themselves to lives of service as teachers, DCE's, deaconesses, and other callings in our congregations, that the church be strengthened and built up.

Pastor: Almighty God, lead us to true contrition over our sins and sincere repentance of them, that we may humbly receive your grace in our time of need;

People: and whenever our trust in Jesus Christ falters, grant us to put away every form of idolatry and strengthen our faith in Christ and Christ alone.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, grant peace and safety to our nation and defend us from all adversaries,

People: that we may lead peaceable and godly lives of service to you and our neighbor.

Pastor: Righteous Father, we pray for all who serve in our justice system – lawyers, judges, public defenders, and legal aides, asking you to bless them with wisdom from on high,

People: that they might serve above reproach and promote the search for truth and justice.

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, we pray that you would use us to care for the poor and needy in their time of distress,

People: and we pray also that you would grant gainful employment to those in need of a job.

Pastor: Almighty God, source of healing and hope, send relief to all who are sick especially Gil, Helen, Nancy, Gordon, Woody, Irma, Sarah, Gerald and Joe,

People: granting them healing as you so will and patience to bear their infirmities.

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, comfort those who mourn and remember loved ones, especially Virginia, pointing them to the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life for all who die in Christ;

People: lead us to wait with all your saints in hopeful expectation for the consummation of all things, granting us a confident trust in the promised return of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we thank you for all blessings; we rejoice with the Lutheran Church of St. John who will soon receive a new Senior Pastor, we celebrate with LeAnne and Steve, and we also join in celebrating the baptism of Isla;

People: may we always remember that all good and wonderful things come from you.

Pastor: Remembering the sufferings and death of your beloved Son, we place our petitions at your throne of mercy, trusting your promise to hear our prayers and grant us all that we need for this life and the life to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 & 10:30 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN #775 "Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and everywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.

(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.

8:00 ANTHEM

"Those Who Trust in the Lord"

Concert Choir

10:30 ANTHEM

"Song of Hope"

Troubadours

HYMN #575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

HYMN #743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash; Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour; Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my Savior move me Since
He deigns to love me.

Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r, Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

HYMN #555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart-
So deep is our corruption.

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

THANKSGIVING

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

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that you have refreshed us through
this life-strengthening Sacrament, and we ask that your Spirit would
accompany us now so that we may be enabled to serve you in words
and actions which demonstrate your will and grace; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

5:00 BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 & 10:30 BENEDICTION sung by Choirs

8:00 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" *Concert Choir*

10:30 "Go Ye Now In Peace" *Troubadours*

CLOSING HYMN #783 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

(8:00 only - hymn will be sung to Tune #784)

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

8:00 POSTLUDE

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

Brass Choir

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Preacher	Pastor Harold Bender
Liturgist	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Lectors	Manley Hurst, Marc Stefanic, Pam Akey
Acolytes	Nathaniel Gottschalk, Hailey Kadolph, Tyler Kroner
Martin Luther Choir Director	Tim Franz
Martin Luther Brass Choir Director	Jessica Kindschi
Organist	Roger Gottschalk
Music Coordinator	Kim Woller



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Concert Choir ~

Troubadours ~

Brass Choir

For enriching our worship services with your musical talents