

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LWML Weekend

October 6 & 7, 2012

AS WE GATHER

In Eden's bliss God gave Eve to Adam and created marriage; but the innocence of that day would not last. To bring humanity back into fellowship with Him, God sent His Son to live the completely human life, even to the point of enduring temptation, suffering, and death. He victoriously shared our life so that we might share His eternal life. And now He calls us to Himself even as our Lord once gathered the children in His arms and blessed them. Each of us, by grace, is God's own child, and Jesus, God's own Son, is our brother and Lord.

WELCOME

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +
"Father Welcomes"

OPENING HYMN #605

Refrain **Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Like 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 ride with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

(Please rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our focus today is in confessing that the Lord became truly human---to live, die and rise for us, so that we might share in His eternal life. God has established the human family and has made us children in His own family. We respond, pray, and receive the good gifts of God in faith and joy.

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CONFESSION

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have not thought, spoken, or acted as members of your dear family. We have reflected the harsh ways of this world rather than your loving will. We have failed to confess that your Son, in the flesh has opened for us eternal life. Because of Christ's gracious actions on the cross, we believe that you are present among us. Forgive us, your erring children, for the times we succumb to temptation, forgetting the cross, attempting to rely on our strength instead of believing in your present and infinite power.

Pastor: In Paul's letter to the Hebrews, we are assured that "because [Christ] Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted." *Hebrews 2:18*

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus alone forgives sin, relieves guilt, and abolishes shame. This He does for each of us and our brothers and sisters who confess the one true faith. Therefore, children of God, 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end.

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People: Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in your sight;

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.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:18-25 (*God creates Eve... and marriage.*) The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

EPISTLE Hebrews 2:1-18 (*The Son of God is our flesh and blood brother.*) We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of

death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

5:00

"Love Beyond All Telling"

Grades 1, 2 & 3

8:00

"We Are Singing For The Lord Is Our Light"

Choir

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16 (*Jesus teaches about marriage and family.*) Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #864

"Shepherd of Tender Youth"

Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring To join Your praise.

You are the holy Lord, O all subduing Word,
Healer of strife. Yourself You did a-base
That from sin's deep disgrace You so might save our race
And give us life.

You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast
Of holy love; And in our mortal pain None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain; Help from above.

O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride.
Our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God, By Your enduring Word
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

SERMON "MORE THAN AN ANSWER" *Mark 10:1-16*

(Please rise)

LWML PLEDGE *Spoken By All*

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

(Please 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.

(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. For the holy Christian church, the flock redeemed by Christ the crucified, that God defend His own from every attack of Satan and the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For faithful Missionaries and Pastors who share the Word of truth, that the good news of salvation in Christ may have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of the faithful as well as to those who do not know Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, that our Lord would bless the women of our congregation and church body as they seek to raise mites for the work of Christ's kingdom and serve their Lord and Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who commune this day, that God grant them faith to receive the benefits of life and salvation that He freely bestows in this holy meal, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the homes in which our people dwell, that God strengthen the bonds of faithfulness between husbands and wives, bless children that He gives to them, and that all may live together in the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For marriages where there is ongoing discord and strife, that God grant reconciliation, and for who have experienced broken relationship, that He grant them healing comfort, and hope as they trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who suffer from various temptations and wrestle with recurring sins, that God, our Refuge, hear their cries of faith for His mercy and grant them deliverance, strength, and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our nation, that God grant safety from our enemies and unity of purpose, and that our leaders would serve humbly and honorably, and for all who serve in our Armed Forces, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, the infirm, and those facing difficulties, especially Helen, Nancy, Woody, Ashley, Gordon, Irma, Sarah, Gerald & Joe that God heal them according to His good and gracious will and strengthen them as they bear their infirmities with trust in His merciful goodness. We pray also to bless the hearts of those who remember loved ones who have passed on to glory, including Frank. Grant them joy in their remembrances and the peace of knowing their loved ones are with you, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are celebrating your abundant goodness, including Jack & Gladys, Bob & Terri, and Max & Elsie, that we all might rejoice with them and that each of us count our blessings each and every day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the dying, that the Lord of life uphold them in the true faith, and for those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they may cling to the promise of life everlasting in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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.

People: Amen.

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. *John 20:19*

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN

"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.

(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 # 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;

Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.

Without Your grace and favor I go astray;

so take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,

For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.

Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,

For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,

I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.

Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;

So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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HYMN #544 "O Love, How Deep"

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter over threw.
For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

HYMN #524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

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

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Pastor: We give thanks, God our Father, that you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit; 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: May the eternal God-our heavenly Father, our victorious Christ, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Lutheran Women One And All”

(Sung to tune: LSB 892 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”; Written by Elmer A. Kettner)

Lutheran women, one and all, we have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price, for our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim and unite to praise His name.

Lutheran women, young and old, well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light to a world in darkest night,
by example in the home, by inviting those who roam,
by our prayers for sinners lost, by our gifts for missions’ cost.

Lutheran Women, coast to coast, in the Lord a mighty host,
let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,
one in faith, in hope and love, working for the Lord above,
till, our earthly labors done, we in heaven shall all be one.

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