

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beware of Prophets

September 22 & 23, 2012

AS WE GATHER

The need for humility and meekness is prevalent throughout Holy Scripture. Prophecies point to Christ Jesus, who would be slaughtered and killed by men unjustly. And yet Christ humbled Himself for this purpose. True wisdom from God is couched in complete humility, conveying, above all else, peace. This peace from God lays waste to warring passions and quarrelsome ways fueled by jealousy and ambition. Only those who are unequivocally the humble servants of all will be first.

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“There Is a Redeemer”

W & R #117

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in Glory, I will see his face;
there I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. *Refrain*

(Rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD;

People: Trust in Him and He will act.

Pastor: Be still before the Lord

People: and wait patiently for Him. *Psalm 37:5, 7*

Pastor: O God, save me by your name,

People: and vindicate me by your might. *Psalm 54:1*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

People: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not been thoroughly persuaded by His love for me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin.

Pastor: Is this your sincere confession?

People: I am sorry for all my sins and I ask for grace that I may do better. 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Having received the forgiveness of Christ, hear these words. The peace of the Lord be with you. *Philippians 1:6*

People: And also with you.

KYRIE

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

LSB #434

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
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Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please you in both will and deed; 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)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 11:18-20 (*I was like a lamb to the slaughter...*) Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." But, O Lord Almighty, you who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

EPISTLE James 3:13---4:10 (*Friendship with the world is enmity with God.*) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

8:00 ANTHEM

"You are Mine"

Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37 (*If any would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.*) They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #857 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servant-hood;
In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow
You and live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

SERMON

"Taming the Heart"

James 3:13-4:10

(Rise)

APOSTLES' 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.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Pastor: Since our God loves to hear His children pray and has promised to answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ, let us pray for ourselves, our church, the holy Christian church, and all people according to their needs. Almighty God, your Son Jesus instructed His disciples to show mercy, even as He was merciful. Grant us compassionate hearts, that we may love one another in all humility. Put away from us pride and jealousy, that we may be filled with mercy and gentleness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have commanded your church to pray for laborers in the harvest fields. Instill in young men a love for your Truth, that you might raise up some to serve as pastors and teachers. Give receptive hearts to older men who prepare to serve in your church, and bless their studies that they may

faithfully deliver the Word of truth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious God, in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood you give us a foretaste of the feast to come as you bestow on us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. By your word and Spirit unite in true faith all who this day receive your Son's body and blood, that they may proclaim Christ's death until He comes. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, grant wisdom to all those who are elected or appointed to positions of authority at every level of our government. Protect them from self-serving desires, that they may serve the common good. Defend also those who serve in our armed forces. Give them honor in their service and protection of both body and soul. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You, O Lord, are the creator and preserver of all things. Teach us to cherish the life that you grant to each of us. Enable us to be faithful witnesses to this faithless world. Grant us courage to speak up for life, helping others to see the intrinsic value of every person, including the unborn, aged, and the infirm. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Send your healing hand upon those who suffer from illnesses both great and small especially Gordon, Woody, Carol, Isla, Irma, Sarah, Ron, Gerald, and Joe. Give patience especially to those who are afflicted with chronic conditions. Bless all who care for the sick and grant an extra measure of endurance to family members who spend their days caring for loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, the Source of all life and the life that never ends, we celebrate with Dan, Jill and Rachel. Grant them to rejoice always in the blessings you bestow upon them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive our prayers this day that we offer to you in the name of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please 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 #547

"The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

HYMN #629

"What Is This Bread"

*Choir only stanzas 1, 2 & 4
Congregation 3 & 5*

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see the Lord is free.

*Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul He makes
us whole Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see the Lord is real.*

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive His very body
and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.

HYMN #842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead;
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others love.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Our bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh,
whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed
us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you
would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent
love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

People: And His mercy endures forever. Amen. *Psalm 118:29*

Pastor: With thanksgiving we recall your loving care to us, O Lord, and we pray
you to continue to protect and defend us against all enemies of your
Word. We pray you to grant us your Spirit that we may serve you in
humble obedience, to the glory of your name and for the good of your
kingdom; 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

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #832

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Stanzas 1, 3, 5

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun Does its successive journeys run:

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev’ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Let ev’ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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