

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

What to Do While Waiting

September 29 & 30, 2012

AS WE GATHER

Jealousy and strife are not modern-day afflictions. There were those who thought Moses' authority must be protected against others, and even the disciples did not know what to make of those who cast out demons but remained outside their circle of followers of Jesus. We often find ourselves in the same conflicts today. Jealousy and strife can kill the relationship between pastor and people in the parish. Jealousy and strife can infuse bitterness and mistrust on all levels of the Church's work and life together. There is only one answer. Jesus comes to us today, calling on us not to fear but to humility and to lives of faithful service-zealous for the Lord, His glory, and the work of His kingdom. If we must compete, let us compete in the works that honor the Lord and fulfill His bidding.

5:00 PRE-SERVICE ANTHEMS *"A Song of Gladness"*

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.

Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

(Rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

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Pastor: O servants of the LORD,

People: who stand in the house of the LORD,

Pastor: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good.

People: His name endures forever. *Psalm 135:1c, 3a,*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works you have prepared for us to do; 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 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (*In the wilderness the people raise their complaint to God.*) The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the Lord, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to

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displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now —if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin." So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" The Lord said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

EPISTLE James 5:1-20 (*The Lord is compassionate and merciful in all circumstances.*) Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you. Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned. Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

10:30

"Happy Are They"

Jr. High Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50 (*Do not lose your saltiness.*) "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." Everyone will be salted with fire. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

SERMON

"Cutting Off the Cause of Sin"

Mark 9:38-50

(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.

5:00 ANTHEM

“Seek Ye First”

Bell Choir

10:30 CONFIRMATION of Taylor Nicole Thompson

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In joyful confidence that our heavenly Father hears our requests and answers them according to His good and gracious will, let us pray for the Church, the flock redeemed by Christ the crucified, and for the needs of all people. Blessed are you, O Lord, for the mercy shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. By His life-giving death and resurrection, now proclaimed in your church, forgiveness of sins is freely distributed among us.

People: Grant us faithful proclaimers to bring this good news into our midst, and make us bold to tell one and all of the hope that is in us.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, for by His once-for-all sacrifice your Son has brought peace by reconciling us to you. Grant us to daily die to sin, that we might live in peace and harmony with all people.

People: Where there is division, bring unity; where there is hurt, grant healing; where there is grumbling, send forbearance, so that our very lives may show forth the abundance of your grace.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, for your goodness knows no bounds. You daily provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us hearts that are content, whether we are in plenty or in want. We celebrate, with Bob, Sandy, Taylor, Casey and the Simek family the wonderful gifts you so freely grant us.

People: Teach us to look solely to you for all our needs, and instill in us true thankfulness for all your benefits.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, for you have commanded us to pray and promised to hear us. Open your ears to our cries for mercy on behalf of the sick and distressed, especially Helen, Ashley, Gordon, Woody, Isla, Irma, Sarah, Gerald and Joe. As well as all those who suffer needs of both body and soul. Comfort those who mourn including Gladys's family and Flora.

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People: Grant healing according to your will, teaching us to bear our infirmities with a patient trust that all things work together for good for those who love you.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, for in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood you bind us to yourself with life-giving food and drink.

People: Grant us penitent hearts that we may approach your table with a simple trust in your sure promise, going forth knowing the peace that passes all understanding.

Pastor: Father, the Source of all life and the life that never ends, 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 #774 “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.

O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!

As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish

Till with saints in heav'n-ly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

(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.

5:00 ANTHEM

“The Ash Grove”

Bell Choir

HYMN #629 “What Is This Bread”

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.

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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 #623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n, The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven’s high and holy feast.

HYMN #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev’ry day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

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

Pastor: O loving Lord, in your name we have received your holy body and blood,
granting us the forgiveness of sins and the nourishment of grace. As we
leave this place of faith and joy, help us manifest that life and hope to the
world around us. Guard us from jealousy and envy and sustain our unity in
Christ. Where we lack, complete us with your grace and where we are in
error, correct us, that we may be salt and light to the world through words
and works that proclaim Jesus Christ; 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 #816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies Let the creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord: Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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