

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
August 16 & 17, 2014

AS WE GATHER

God's mercy is for all people. God's love for His people in Christ is deep and broad and high indeed! From Isaiah we hear that "the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, 'I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered'" (Isaiah 56:8). Paul boldly declares that "God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew," but desires that they receive mercy through the Church (Romans 11:2). Jesus, who makes clear that His mission was first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, marvels at the faith of one who was doubly an outsider—a Samaritan and a woman! Today's readings challenge our habit of treating strangers and outsiders with suspicion, and invite us to find ways to show the mercy and welcome of God to everyone—even to those we might think are the least likely people in our community to be welcomed by God.

WELCOME

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #868 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" Rise for last stanza

Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.

In conversation be sincere, Thy conscience as the noon day clear;
Think how the all seeing God thy ways And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make His face to shine upon us,

Pastor: that your way may be known on earth,

People: Your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Merciful and mighty God, we come to you with sins that need to be forgiven. Our failure to keep justice and do righteousness,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our suspicion of and lack of welcome to outsiders and strangers,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our arrogance that assumes that we alone are your treasured people,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: All the ways in which we disobey your will for our lives,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

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Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our god. Alleluia.

**People: (sung) 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. Almighty and everlasting Father, you give your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 READING *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to serve him, to love the name of the Lord, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." The Sovereign Lord declares - he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

I ask them: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21–28*

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #537

"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forever-more be Thine!

SERMON

"At the Master's Table"

Matthew 15:21-28

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS 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. You may check the register for names of those to greet after the worship

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace that comes from above, for faith to trust the Lord for all things needful for this body and life, and for joy in His grace now and in the life to come, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For thankful hearts for the “crumbs” of God’s goodness and grace, for a spirit of thankfulness for all of life’s blessings, for hearts willing to care for and share with others what God has first entrusted to us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the unity of the Church and harmony among its members, and for our life together in worship, witness, prayer and service to those within and to those outside of the household of faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our enemies and those who persecute us on account of the faith, for those who endure persecution, and for those who have wandered from the truth and become lost in error and unbelief, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Church; for Matthew, our Synodical president; for John, our district president; for our pastors; for our together in mission partner, Pastor Ferry and his family; and for all church workers and their faithful service to us in Your name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the causes of peace and justice; for the nations and those who lead them; for Barack, our president; Scott, our governor; and for all who make, administer and judge our laws, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the widow, the orphan, children under threat and in danger, the unborn and the aged, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, for those who suffer, for those who grieve the loss of loved ones and for those near death and especially for Janine, Lois, Ray, Heidi Frank, Jim, Marion, Nancy, Jack, Mark, Richard, Virginia, Rosalie,

Dorothy, Ruth, Warren, Dorothy, and for Gilberte as she remembers Bob, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Baxter family as they celebrate Nicole’s 18th birthday, for Pastor Stanton as we celebrate with him his 25 years of service in the holy ministry, for Russ and Marlene who rejoice in a Christ-centered marriage and 33 years together, and for all who are rejoicing in God’s good gifts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the stranger among us, for those who have not yet heard the Word of the Lord and for all whom we would serve in the Lord’s name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our communion this day upon the body and blood of the Lord, for the nourishment of our souls and for the renewal of our faith and joy in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

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 #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!

HYMN #533 “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
God-head, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God’s thunder!

Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death’s fortress,
Brings forth the pris’ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow’r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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.

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: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: "Keep justice, do righteousness," says the Lord, who promises to gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered. The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more:

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;

Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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Organist

Music Coordinator

Pastor Gregg Stanton

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Roger Gottschalk

Kim Woller

25 Years in the Ministry
Happy Anniversary Pastor Stanton!

