

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Mercies—Given Life

August 23 & 24, 2014

5:00 & 8:00

AS WE GATHER

We have received God's mercy to become givers of mercy toward others. In this world, we swim in a sea of cause and effect. Our actions and choices have consequences. Approval from others is usually based on our performance. Unsurprisingly, we bring this Law mentality with us when we come to God. We naturally try to be self-righteous. But the Gospel is that God has mercy on sinners and forgives us freely for Christ's sake. We are free to share mercy with others in all cheerfulness and generosity.

PRE-SERVICE

Student Instrumentalist

WELCOME

A Message from our Principal

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

OPENING HYMN #411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Faculty and Staff

School Faculty and Staff will sing Stanzas 1 & 2

We invite you to join in singing Stanza 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

+ PREPARATION +

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Give attention to Me, My people,

People: and give ear to Me, My nation;

Pastor: My righteousness draws near,

People: My salvation has gone out,

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

People: and look at the earth beneath;

Pastor: My salvation will be forever,

People: and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: We humbly implore your mercy and ask your forgiveness. Our lives have not reflected the confession of our lips, and we have failed to marvel at the depth of the riches and wisdom of the knowledge of God. Instead of trusting you, we have relied on our own understanding. We have thought too highly of ourselves instead of presenting ourselves as offerings in gratefulness for your mercy. Hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake, and fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may seek nothing but to know your will and the strength to carry it out.

Pastor: God has heard your confession and grants you full and free forgiveness because Jesus died and rose again for you. 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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Refrain 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. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Refrain

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. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Father of all mercy, you have not treated us as our sins deserve, nor have you regarded our feeble attempts at self-righteousness, but for the sake of your Son, Jesus, you have poured out your mercy upon us and adopted us in Baptism as your own dear children; grant that we may be transformed into vessels of your mercy toward others, both in the Church and throughout the world; 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 51:1–6*

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many. The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33–12:8*

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given

you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE For 3K - 12th Grade - Bring up your backpack!

SERMON HYMN #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant
us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's waring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our
wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

SERMON *"Listen and Look and See the Lord's Salvation" Isaiah 51:1-6*

(Rise)

NICENE 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

Leader: Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer, seeking the face of God, our Father, who is full of grace and wisdom, and who has promised to hear and answer our prayers. Almighty God, you have called us to faith and you encourage us to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

People: **Bless children and their parents as they begin another school year to grow together in all things. Bless parents to make spiritual growth a priority and gathering for worship a regular part of spiritual life. Bless us all to grow in our knowledge of Jesus and His Word.**

Leader: Lord of the Church, we pray for mission work both at home and abroad. Bless our pastors to boldly proclaim the Truth. Bless our Together in Mission partner, Chuck Ferry, to stand firm in the Truth as he serves in Indonesia.

People: **Grant many people, both near and far away, to desire the riches and wisdom of the Lord, the knowledge of the Lord through His Word, and the blessed salvation found in His grace and favor.**

Leader: Shepherd of your people, lead us all not to be conformed to this world but to be renewed in mind and spirit.

People: **Grant us to grow, evermore, in the Lord who has made us to be His one body, the Church, that we might shine in our daily lives the light of His love and grace.**

Leader: Compassionate Father, we pray for the victims of violence and oppression, for those who live with injustice and fear, and for all the nations and their leaders.

People: **Grant that those in authority may act for peace and justice, and also promote godliness among the peoples.**

Leader: Lord of healing and hope, we pray for the sick and those who suffer, for the disabled, for the troubled of heart or mind, for the grieving and for the dying, this day we pray especially for Jean, Gretchen, Janine, Ray, Heidi, Frank, Jim, Marion, Nancy, Gilberte, Jack, Mark, Richard, Virginia, Rosalie, Ruth, Warren, Dorothy, and Sarah.

People: **Bless them with healing and restoration in accordance with your will. Grant them patience, peace, and hope through faith in Jesus Christ. Bless also Judy as she mourns the passing of her mother, Ruth**

Leader: Lord of all, you entrust us with everything that we call our own. Therefore, we pray that we would be faithful stewards of your resources.

People: **Help us all to faithfully support the work of Christ's Kingdom and generously support those called to serve us in the Lord's name.**

Leader: Gracious God, the giver of every good gift and blessing, we rejoice with John and Sue as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and with the Baars family as they celebrate David's birthday.

People: **Make us mindful of your abundant blessings day by day and fill us with thankful hearts.**

Leader: Father in heaven, your greatest gift was the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself into the death of the cross for our salvation.

People: **As we partake of His body and blood at His table this day, grant us repentant hearts and the full assurance of faith in his great salvation.**

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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.

(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 # 761 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the fountain fly: Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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.

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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.

“To God Be the Glory”

W & R #66

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;

so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life and atonement for sin,

and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder,

our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thank you, God, for the mercy you have shown us in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and for your affirmation in this Sacrament of that mercy secured

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by His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross. Use this resurrection food to strengthen the hearts of your people as they look for ways to share your mercy with others. 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: 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.

Preacher
Liturgist
Lectors
Acolytes
Instrumentalists
Organist
Music Coordinator

Pastor Harold Bender
Seminarian Brad Akey
Laurel Privatt, Marc Stefanic
Abigail Fellenbaum, Zander Maxwell
Abbie Moravec, Josh Klement, Sydney Kadolph
Roger Gottschalk
Kim Woller

CLOSING HYMN #862 “Oh, Blest the House” Stanzas 1-3, 5

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!
Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!
Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!