

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mine!

July 22, 25 & 26, 2015

AS WE GATHER

We usually consider jealousy to be a negative thing. Often it is. The word *jealous* has several shades of meaning in the English language. Jealousy can involve resentment toward someone else's success. It can involve suspicious fears about someone else's motives or actions. When in today's Old Testament Reading God declares His covenant promise to His people, He claims us as His own. Elsewhere in the Old Testament God even says, "I the LORD your God am a jealous God" (Exodus 20:5). Does this mean that God is resentful? Or is God suspiciously fearful? By no means! Another shade of meaning of the word *jealous* is "to be vigilant in guarding someone from harm or danger." This is the sense in which God is jealous and in which He declares us, "Mine!" Through God's covenant promise, He vows to us to be our guard, our guide, and our protector from the ultimate consequences of those things that threaten us most—sin, death, and the power of Satan. He accomplishes this guarding jealousy through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross and resurrection fulfilled the covenant promise for us and for all creation.

WELCOME

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

W & R #426

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 43:1–3a*

Pastor: But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

People: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Pastor: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

People: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Pastor: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

Pastor: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment.

People: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

People: so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord God has set His rainbow as a sign of promise amid the storm clouds of our lives. He has set the cross of our Lord Jesus as a sign of His forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. God of the everlasting covenant, you declare us to be your own dear children through the waters of Holy Baptism. Help us so to love you that our lives may be a sign to the world of your abiding, incarnate love for us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

5:00 BAPTISMS & ADULT CONFIRMATION

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1-11*

But now, this is what the Lord says - he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. All the nations gather together and the peoples

assemble. Which of them foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true." "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:14-21* ("So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith")

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:45-56* (Jesus walks on the sea and calms the storm.)

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went--into villages, towns or countryside--they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *Rise for the last stanza*

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!

SERMON “Mine!” Isaiah 43:1-11

(Rise)
9:00 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 to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need.

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:
Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

9:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE 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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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
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have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(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 #618 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain: Lord, May Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see Who, Lord,
to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden my heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith’s bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and Spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

HYMN #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest
gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain
things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did
e’er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small; Love so
amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

HYMN #649 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord of all, you claim us as your own people through Holy Baptism. You nourish us with your Word. You feed us with Christ’s body and blood in Holy Communion. You are vigilant in guarding us amid the attacks of the devil, the world, and our own flesh. For these riches of your glory, we thank you and pray that by your Holy Spirit, we may be empowered to be signs of your blessing to all 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: You are the Lord’s. Do not be afraid. Take heart, for Jesus reigns over the darkness and chaos of this world. You are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ! 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 #849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees’ the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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