

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Slave to Law, Child in Christ

June 15, 18, 19, 2016

AS WE GATHER

Happy Father's Day! We give thanks for the earthly fathers who have been a blessing in our lives. We give even greater thanks today for our heavenly Father, who has called us all His sons and daughters. In the Word, we are reminded of our beginning in Baptism, when He called us by name and adopted and welcomed us into His family, where we receive lasting blessings that cannot be found in any other place. As His children and heirs, we are favored, forgiven, and free, that we may live in His grace and respond in our lives to His glory and honor. Happy Father's Day today! Happy "God the Father Day" today and every day living as His children united in His Son!

WELCOME

[Jesus said,] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things
and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #605

"Father Welcomes"

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: We remember our Baptism, when the Lord claimed us and adopted us
as His own children through water and Word. In the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into His death?

**People: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order
that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

People: we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way
that is not good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.

**People: We, on our own, have no right to be called your heirs or to receive
your blessings.**

Pastor: Like those who witnessed the demon-possessed man being freed from
his torment, we often prefer Jesus depart from us rather than offer our
praise for His power and glory.

**People: Our guilt, shame, and fear overtake us, and we refuse your blessings of
grace, forgiveness, and new life.**

Pastor: For the many times we ignore or shatter your Law and choose to forget
who you have called us to be as your own children,

**People: forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our
sinful nature and willful breaking of His Law given out of love, He calls us
His children and His heirs. Through Christ alone, we have gained access
to His grace by which we now stand. 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. The Spirit now testifies that you are God's children.

People: We are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ that we may share in His glory. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Stanzas 1 & 2

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, you have come to us and called us by name, and we are yours. As we live in the adoption as sons and daughters through the water and the Word, and made heirs of your blessings, we give you thanks that we are favored, forgiven, and free. Enable us to love your Law, treasure your grace in the Gospel, and proclaim our adoption into your family with all its gifts in confident faith, trust, and joy; 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)

9:00 BAPTISM of Jonathan Hayes Gimbel

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Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 65:1–9* (Judgment and salvation)

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations--a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat; who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day. "See, it stands written before me: I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps--both your sins and the sins of your fathers," says the LORD. "Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains and defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full payment for their former deeds." This is what the LORD says: "As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and men say, 'Don't destroy it, there is yet some good in it,' so will I do in behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.

EPISTLE *Galatians 3:23–4:7* (No longer slaves, but heirs according to the promise)

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 8:26–39* (Jesus heals a demon-possessed man.)

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

SERMON

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Romans 12:1-2

(Rise)

6:00 & 5:00 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 to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In the glorious freedom of the Gospel, let us pray with all boldness and confidence to the Lord as our true Father in heaven, petitioning Him for all our needs and interceding for our neighbors in the world, as dear children ask their dear father.

After each petition:

Pastor: . . . let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. 6:00 & 5:00 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

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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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 #616 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

Baptismal waters cover me As I approach on bended knee;
My Father's mercy here I plead, For grievous sins of thought and deed.

I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me;
I lay before Him all my sin, My darkest secrets from within.

Lord, may Your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart;
Your love alone can from in me A heart that serves You joyfully.

From Your own mouth comes forth a word;
Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;
Through him Your hand now stretches out, Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.

Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free.
Held in my Father's strong embrace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

O Lord we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast there-of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

HYMN #590 "Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or won Serve any will but Yours alone.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious Father, we give you thanks that through your Means of Grace beginning in Holy Baptism and now through this Meal given, you have clothed us with the garments of salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that in our adoption into your family and as your children, we may have strength to live in greater faith toward you and in 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: 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 #717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave, Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O’er which our traffic runs amain

By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev’ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle’s flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev’ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow’r, Our people shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-soe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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