

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nothing to Fear?

June 18, 21 & 22, 2014

### AS WE GATHER

Because of the abiding presence of Christ among us we have nothing to fear, even though there are things that may concern or even terrify us. Jesus Christ is present in Word and Sacrament; there is nothing that can ultimately make us afraid—not any kind of suffering or even the devil. Echoed in the words of hymnwriters through the centuries is that sense of confidence that can be known only by those who are in Christ. “From God can nothing move me” is more than a line in a well-loved hymn. It is a promise on which we can build our lives.

### WELCOME

*“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17*

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

### OPENING HYMN #427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’er-take me, Hope deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

Pastor: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints,

**People: for those who fear Him have no lack!**

Pastor: Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

**People: who walks in His ways!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: Merciful Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear this, our confession, O Lord, and grant us your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of your holy name.**

Pastor: To each of us, our Lord says “Fear not!” and promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

### HYMN OF PRAISE #818 “In Thee Is Gladness”

In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart.

By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.

Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;

Who trust Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;

Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav’n rejoices

In Him forever: Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, Triumph o’er sadness, Love Him and praise Him

And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you have demonstrated your power and love in many ways. Grant that we pass through this life with unshakeable confidence, knowing that truly there is nothing to fear and that one day we shall know the fullness of your eternal presence in your glorious kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 20:7–13* (The LORD is with me and has delivered my life.) O Lord, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:12–23* (The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ.)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey - whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33* (You are of great value to your heavenly Father.)

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak

in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

(Be seated)

**SERMON HYMN #725** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

**SERMON**

(Rise)

**CATECHISM** *The First Article*

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**All: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

(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 all people according to the will of God, but especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. Almighty God, deliver all your children from the worries and fears that come from the difficulties and evils we face in this world. Grant us all to stand firm in the faith even in the face of trials and troubles.

**People:** **Fill us with your peace and remind us of your abiding presence.**

**Pastor:** Lord of the Church, as we commemorate the anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, we recall that your Word burned in the hearts of the Reformers so that they could not contain it.

**People:** **We give you thanks that even though they were surrounded by terror on all sides, they did not waver but boldly declared the truth of the Gospel. Help us to treasure in our day the gospel truth that we are justified before you by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.**

**Pastor:** Gracious Father, you have declared that the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**People:** **Continue to bless all pastors of the Church as they deliver your gifts through the faithful preaching of your Word and the right administration of your blessed Sacraments. Bless especially the work of Pastor Chuck Ferry as he serves Christ in Indonesia.**

**Pastor:** Dear Lord, you commended those who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, and clothed the naked. We pray for the ministry of Food For The Poor, and ask that you would grant them the funds and help they need to accomplish their mission.

**People:** **Grant us compassion for those who are suffering. Use us, we pray, from our abundance to meet the desperate needs of others throughout the world.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, in Holy Baptism we died to sin and have risen with Christ Jesus. Help us so to live that sin would have no dominion over us.

**People:** **Grant us your grace each day, that we might live day by day as instruments of righteousness.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, all earthly authority is given by you. Guide all leaders and rulers who serve over us, that they may rule wisely and justly.

**People:** **Watch over the military at home and abroad, that we may live in peace and quietness.**

**Pastor:** Lord of all creation, you provide richly for all of our needs. You know when a sparrow falls to the ground. We trust in you alone to hear and answer our prayers for those who are sick, those who are in need and all who have requested our prayers especially Jack, Ashley, Mark, Richard, Carol, Susan, Virginia, Rosalie, Dorothy, Ruth, Warren, Dorothy, and Sarah.

**People:** **Grant them healing and relief according to your good and gracious will, and peace and perseverance as they endure their suffering and affliction.**

**Pastor:** God of all comfort and hope, we join our prayers with those of Ruth Miller who remembers Glenn on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**People:** **Bless Ruth as she continues to grieve and grant her the comfort of your Word, and bless all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.**

**Pastor:** Father of the heavenly lights, every good and perfect gift comes from your hand. We join in thanksgiving and praise as Elenor Spitzer celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Gary & Ellen Van Dyke celebrate their wedding anniversary and we join the Heimsoth family in asking your blessing on Christian marriages. We rejoice in the gifts bestowed in these summer days, with opportunities to enjoy the blessings of your creation.

**People:** **Fill us all with thankfulness for your goodness and grant us to continue to worship you faithfully in these days.**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, you have gifted your Church with the Holy Supper of Christ's body and blood, the sacrifice that secured our salvation.

**People:** **Through Jesus' broken body and shed blood, forgive and strengthen us that we might endure to the end and be saved.**

**Pastor:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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 #570 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### HYMN #696 "O God, My Faithful God"

O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing, Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing: Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling; That I do what I should  
While trusting you to bless The outcome for my good, For you must give success.

Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling; But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak, Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.

Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small  
And by your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior; By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever; And let my body have A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice With those who love your name.

### HYMN #728 "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O Lord God, heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed meal. Send your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may continue our earthly pilgrimage without fear until that time when we are gathered around the Table in your heavenly kingdom to share in your blessings for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 #685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die, There to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.  
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Pastor John Buuck was president of Concordia University Wisconsin from 1979-1997. Before that, he served on the faculty and administration of Concordia University, Portland, OR. He has served as a vacancy pastor in Wisconsin and Florida and as a winter assistant pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Bonita Springs, FL. In 2008, Pastor Buuck was appointed by the president of LCMS to serve as an ABLAZE Ambassador for LCMS World Missions. Currently, he is a part of the Speakers Bureau to LCMS congregations for Food For The Poor. He and his wife make Florida their winter home and Waukesha, Wisconsin their summer home.

  
**Save the Date for Pastor Stanton's 25 years of Ministry Celebration**  
**Saturday August 16, 2014**  
**Watch for more details.**

**Successful A Place Of Refuge LifeWalk 2014**  
**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

First and foremost, I THANK and REJOICE in the Lord for His wonderful gifts of fantastic weather, walkers, volunteers, food, and fellowship. We had over 170 people who walked to support A Place of Refuge Ministries this past Saturday! In addition, fundraising money collected was over \$13,400, with additional donations still coming in! I would also like to THANK my incredible St. Paul's family. THANK YOU to those of you who walked and helped raise funds for APOR. THANK YOU to those of you who supported the event with food and monetary donations. And THANK YOU to the NUMEROUS volunteers who volunteered their time and talents, by either helping with pre-event day activities and/or helping on Saturday. A special THANK YOU to my Committee Chairwomen: Erin Carson, Gina Osell, Shelly Mueller, Darla Leitermann, Sue Graf, Pam Akey, Sharon Stehmeier, Janet Johnson, and Debbie Ullerich. I feel truly blessed to be part of a congregation that always goes above and beyond to serve others! THANK YOU again! - Amy Baxter