

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Joy of Generosity

June 24, 27 & 28, 2015

### AS WE GATHER

The Lord's mercies are endless and are renewed toward His people every morning. The sure and unchanging love of God never stops. How great is God's faithfulness! This divine generosity is exemplified in the person of Jesus as He goes with Jairus to visit and heal his sick little girl. Along the way a woman who had been infirm for twelve years touched the Lord's garment; power went out of Him and healed her! God in Christ is so gracious that healing generosity brushes off Him as He walks through the crowd. His healing generosity and steadfast love are present and poured out among His gathered people still today through His Word and Sacrament. So filled by God, we are empowered to live generous lives toward others.

### WELCOME

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*

### HANDSHAKE & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #803 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" *Rise for the last stanza*

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

*Rise* Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES *Lamentations 3:22–24*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

**People: His mercies never come to an end;**

Pastor: they are new every morning;

**People: great is your faithfulness.**

Pastor: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

**People: "therefore I will hope in Him."**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Generous God, loving Lord,

**People: We, your wayward children, confess that we are naturally selfish, greedy, and lustful. Thinking first of ourselves, we neglect to love and serve others, and we actively harm them by our self-centered choices. you promise in your Word that you love sinners. So forgive us for Jesus' sake, we pray. Fill us with your generous Spirit that your love for us would overflow into the lives of others.**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, and His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, and great is His faithfulness. 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.

**People: Amen.**

### 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!

*Continued*

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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry your Son, Jesus, healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward you that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, 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** *Lamentations 3:22–33* (New mercies every morning)

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. Let him bury his face in the dust-- there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

#### **EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15* (Generous joy in the midst of suffering)

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's

will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

(Rise)

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 5:21–43* (Jesus heals a woman and a little girl.)

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, ""Talitha koum!"" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

(Be seated)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN #528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

## SERMON

### "AT THE END"

Mark 5:21-43

(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 to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and His mercies never come to an end, so let us lift our prayers before His throne of grace.

*After each petition:*

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Pastor: . . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 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 #547 "The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

### Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

(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 #637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you out-poured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**HYMN #729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"**

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By thy blood.

I am thrusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee. Lord Jesus' Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

**HYMN #750 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"**

If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.

What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.

Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev'rything.

All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

*Continued*

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 #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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