

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Always Enough
November 10 & 11, 2018

AS WE GATHER

“My Shepherd will supply my need.” These simple words, which paraphrase the first verse of Psalm 23, remind us that our Lord knows what we need and provides for us. In these weeks of harvest time, we find joy in seeing how once again “The earth has yielded its increase” (Psalm 67:6). Although it may be easy to be thankful in the season of bountiful harvests, we are reminded in God’s Word that we can be equally grateful in leaner times. Our gracious God consistently supplies our needs, leading us to affirm with the great hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt: “God is good; His love attends me Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me” (LSB 756:3).

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT – Groundwork Guatemala

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail
on account of him. Even so. Amen.
Revelation 1:7

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Rise)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #662 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!

Refrain: *Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.*

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. **Refrain**

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail. **Refrain**

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. **Refrain**

VETERAN’S RECOGNITION

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.

People: Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

People: Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, your salvation is near to all who fear you. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Grant us your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. 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. God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: *sing*

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you graciously forgive our sins and lovingly supply all our needs. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives into ways of peace with good and generous hearts as we look to you for everything both material and spiritual. This we ask in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Be seated)

10:30 BAPTISM SONG #740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;

For my Shepherd gently guides me. Knows my need and well provides me,

Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away. Jesus is my staff and stay.

When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me:

When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?

And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,

He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

10:30 BAPTISMS of Kamden Matthew Minnick and Isabella Rose Schmitz

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 17:8-16

(The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.) Then the word of the LORD came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Hebrews 9:24-28 (Christ will be appearing again.)

Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8:00 SONG GRADES 2 & 3 "Fear Not for Tomorrow" Sleeth

(Rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 12:38-44*

(Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.) And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!

Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.

Firmly to our soul's salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.

Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.

I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

SERMON

"The Widow's Offering"

5:00 & 8:00 (Rise) CATECHISM *The First Article*

Pastor: In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

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

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: 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)

OFFERING 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)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, people loved by God, let us come before our heavenly Father in the name of His Son, asking Him to grant every good gift to us and all in need. That God would graciously keep us in His divine Word and send out faithful laborers into His harvest, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would bestow His Holy Spirit on all preachers and ministers of His Church, that they may proclaim and teach the Word purely and be examples of godly living, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would mercifully preserve us from all false doctrine and curb and restrain all error, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would deliver us from all hypocrisy and pretending, granting us genuine faith, joyful piety and cheerful giving, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would mercifully assist all our sisters and brothers who are persecuted for Christ, that they would remain steadfast in true faith with patience and, according to His will, that the persecution may end or be lightened, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would open the door for His Gospel to be preached in every place, especially through the ministry of Groundwork Guatemala, and that He would overthrow all that opposes it, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would hold in His gracious protection all the leaders and officers of our nation and state, and that He would continue to use all who serve in our Armed Forces as a source of protection to society, preserving them from all evil and blessing them in body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would comfort, keep and assist all the afflicted and troubled, the sick and especially Dorothy, Larry, Marge, Dolores, Bob, Herb, Cindy, Scott, LuEva, Dick, Nancy, Jan, Shirley, Gladys, Russ, Arlene, John, Jack, Arlene, Shirley, Jonathan, Leonard, Sarah and all who have asked for our prayer, all women with child, all young children, the mourning and those in any need, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That Kamden and Isabella would continue to grow in faith each day as they are baptized into the name of Jesus and that your promises would be the greatest source of comfort all their lives, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God would graciously defend us from all adversity and evil, and that He would bless the fruits of the field and give us grace to enjoy them in peace and health with thankful hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we would be made ready to receive the Holy Sacrament together in true, genuine faith and repentance, and that the body and blood of Christ, which were once offered to bear the sins of many, may now bring us forgiveness and strengthen us to live according to God's will, forgiving our enemies, loving our neighbors and doing good to all people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may join the faithful departed and be brought with them to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, kind Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 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.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
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 #879 “Stay With Us”

Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to You this day be sung.

Bless our bread, Open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry,

Feel again Our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our weeping, wailing end.

Wipe our eyes Forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Talk with us, till we behold A joyful life You will unfold:

Heal our eyes To see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.

Cheer the heart, Your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

HYMN “God of Our Fathers” LW 501

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.

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HYMN #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously has wrought
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow’r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for you have once again fed and nourished us at your Table through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we continue as true members of the body of your Son and, walking in ways of peace, do the good works that you desire. This we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

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 #733 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

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