

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Sharing the Truth Unto the End”

November 16 & 17, 2013

AS WE GATHER

Hands being laid on. Persecution. Being delivered to prisons. Being brought before kings and governors. Jesus tells us that these things will be suffered by Christians for the sake of His name, especially those who speak against the false religions of the world. Yet, as always, our loving Savior doesn't leave us without hope. He promises that even though "you will be hated by all for My name's sake" (*Luke 21:17*), still "not a hair of your head will perish" (*Luke 21:18*). Confident of Christ's promise to us, we contemplate the following hymn text,

As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail. Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God--Our vict'ry cannot fail. *LSB 666:3*
Text: Jacon Fabricius, 1593-1654; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Public domain.

Come what may, as the Last Day approaches,
our Lord is with us and we are with Him; we need not fear.

10:30 PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Sleepers Wake”

Bell Choir

WELCOME

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” *1 Peter 3:15*

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #837

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

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Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be; Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

Pastor: His right hand and His holy arm

People: have worked salvation for Him.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

People: O Lord, our God, we confess that we have been idle and lazy in our lives.

We are idle when it comes to loving our neighbor, serving in our vocations, and preparing for our Savior's return. For our walking in idleness, and for all our sins, we deserve your present and eternal punishment. We humbly ask that for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: “I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #808

“O Sing to the Lord”

Stanzas 1 & 2

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

10:30 BAPTISM of Landyn Eddison Rowland

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(Please refrain from taking photographs during the worship service)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 13:1,2, 26-33

The LORD said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders." They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan." Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

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8:00 ANTHEM

"Speak, O Lord" Setting by Lloyd Larson

St. Paul's Choir

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. O teach us, Lord, obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen, amen, amen.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:18-20

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

(Be seated)

SERMON HYMN #827 "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvest waiting Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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SERMON

“Fishers of Men”

(Rise)

5:00 & 8:00 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.

10:30 BELL ANTHEM

“God’s Time is Always Best”

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to our Father in heaven, boldly bringing our petitions and humbly trusting He will answer us. Almighty Father, endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. In compassion, you have promised that the crosses laid upon us in this body and life shall not rest on us forever.

People: Show us your mercy and inspire our confidence in you, that we may not fear the end, but rather see in it the fulfillment of all your gracious promises of eternal life, salvation, and deliverance from every evil.

Pastor: Lord of the harvest, you have called us to pray for laborers in your harvest fields, telling us that the peoples of the world are ripe for receiving the gospel. Bless the work of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, that they may boldly proclaim the gospel to those who have been deceived by false religions.

People: Give success to the work of all missionaries, that many more may be brought out of the darkness of sin and death in into the glorious light of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Mighty Lord, you fought with Satan and you won, when you were tempted in the wilderness and prayed fervently in Gethsemane. Grant us faith to follow you and Your Word in every trial that assails us. By your aid deliver us all from the destructive power of the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh that would lead us into false belief, despair and other great shame and vice.

People: In temptation’s hour, break temptation’s power, and grant us strength in Christ.

Pastor: Merciful Jesus, you reconciled us to the Father through the power of your cross. Fill us with the healthful spirit of your love, that we may gladly extend to others the reconciliation you have given us.

People: Free us to lay down our grievances and hostilities and labor for reconciliation with all people, that your grace may shine brightly in our lives.

Pastor: Kindly Lord, you have called us to faith in Christ and His salvation through the Gospel and have given us family, friends and neighbors, that we may serve them as you have served us so that they may see your light in us and glorify our Father in heaven.

People: Grant us to boldly share our faith in Christ, invite them to join us in worshiping you, that they may partake in all the blessings of the fellowship of believers.

Pastor: Kind Physician of our souls, you carried our griefs and iniquities in your body upon the cross that we, by your wounds, might be healed. Show mercy to the sick and those who undergo medical treatments, that these procedures might bring them healing, according to your good pleasure. We especially remember before you this day: Cecelia, Dorothy, Bob, June, LuEva & Jerry Daniel, Dolores, Eugene, Nancy, Eleanor, Lorina, Anna, Jean, Sarah and Joe.

People: In both sickness and health, give your people faith and confidence in your compassionate aid, for this life and for the life to come.

Pastor: Lord of Life, you have overcome sin and death and given us hope beyond the grave. Bless and comfort all those who grieve, especially the Wollerman family as they mourn the passing of Russ, and Ellen Van Dyke, as she grieves the passing of her mother, Eileen.

People: Fill their souls with the peace of Christ and give them a joyful expectation of the reunion with loved ones in the life of the world to come.

Pastor: Father of Lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Therefore we rejoice with the Burkee family as they celebrate Marge Becker’s 92nd birthday and with the Osell’s as Rachel celebrates her 14th birthday. Bless also John and Arlene Kurer as they celebrate 67 years of marriage.

People: Grant us all to count our blessings each day and to rejoice in you as the source of all our blessings.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, you freely grant us your blood-bought forgiveness in the blessed Sacrament. Grant us grace to rightly use the Sacrament of your body and blood, that we may always receive your promised mercy and be strengthened for Christian life and service.

People: Grant us all to receive this Sacrament as a foretaste of the marriage feast of the Lamb, which is to come.

Pastor: Hear us, for Jesus' sake, for to you alone belongs all power, riches, wisdom and strength, honor, blessing and glory: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one blessed God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 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 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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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.

10:30 BELL ANTHEM

"Be Still My Soul"

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

W & R #559

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of
them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love
alone. I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for
them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I
will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

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HYMN #821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us: Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our
hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent 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 will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in,

People: from this time forth and forevermore.

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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

W & R #560

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: *I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own Holy Word. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

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Thanksgiving Worship

*"Sing to the Lord of harvest,
sing songs of love and praise" LSB #893*

Wednesday November 27th at 6:00pm

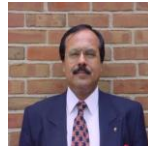
Thursday November 28th at 9:00am

*We will be collecting non-perishable food items &
toiletries for our needy at St. Paul's & for Hope
Lutheran Church's food pantry. You may bring your
donation to church with you on Thanksgiving &
bring it up to the altar.*



Rev. Farrukh Khan

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



Rev. Khan is a Fort Wayne graduate through the EIIT program. He has also gone through the Church Planter Institute training. He serves as Associate Executive Director for POBLO International Ministries.

Rev. Farrukh Khan joined POBLO on July 23, 1994 and is presently working at the Dearborn Heights, MI office. He is originally from Pakistan and comes from a family that converted from Islam to Christianity. While he was in Pakistan, he worshipped at the Church of Pakistan. He worked in Saudi Arabia for 17 years as an engineer with Brown & Root, a company out of Houston, TX. Mr. Khan was worshipping and joining in fellowship with Lutherans while in Saudi Arabia. In 1993, he was called in by Dr. August Mennicke, the then First Vice-President of LCMS, to work in the Toronto area as a POBLO missionary. God blessed the ministry in Toronto and enabled POBLO to plant a church of Pakistani and Indians - All Nations Lutheran Church.

Rev. Khan also conducts workshops on Islam throughout the year and speaks regularly in churches, giving people an awareness of the ministry of POBLO and enabling individuals and churches to become partners in this outreach to Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs.

Rev. Khan preaches in congregations throughout the U.S. challenging them to be partners in this wonderful ministry and start Outreach Ministries to Muslims. He conducts workshops on Islam and responds to the questions on Islam, the fastest growing religion in North America. You are welcome to invite him to your congregation.

Rev. Khan also plants ethnic churches in North America. He is working with all POBLO missionaries in the U.S. and Canada. The responsibilities of opening new ministry sites in North America are also part of His responsibilities.

You can support His ministry through prayers and financial gifts to...



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People of the Book Lutheran Outreach

POBLO is a mission society whose task is to evangelize Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and others and establish indigenous Christ worshipping communities with them. In order to accomplish this goal, we have many missionaries: Rev. Khurram Khan (POBLO Director), Rev. Farrukh Khan (Dearborn Heights, MI), Mrs. Cynthia Khan (ESL) Director - Troy, MI), and many more missionaries. All are working to spread the saving news of Jesus Christ to Muslims who do not know Him.

POBLO began as a request from Synod. Due to the dense Middle Eastern population in the area, Michigan was chosen as the start for this mission. The Michigan District was fully behind this endeavor and POBLO was formed in 1993 and

is currently headquartered in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. POBLO now has planted many churches like All Nations, Troy (made up almost entirely of Pakistani and Indians); All Nations - Toronto (also made up almost entirely of Pakistani and Indians); First Arabic Lutheran Church - Dearborn Heights (Arabic congregation); United Somali Fellowship – Minneapolis, MN; United Bengla Lutheran Church - Queens, NY (made up of people from Bangladesh); and Living Word – Lansing, MI (mainly Sudanese), Faith Tamil Lutheran Church(Troy) and 2 International Fellowships (Rochester, MI and Dallas, TX).

What is POBLO doing now...

POBLO International was formed in early 2003 and signed a partnership with LCMS – World Missions to work in Muslim countries to bring the Good News to the people. A POBLO ministry now conducts work in Pakistan and N. India, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan. Churches have been planted in Pakistan and many home bible study groups are being formed. A medical clinic has been purchased and opened and provides much needed medical care to over 20,000 in a village and surrounding areas in Pakistan. A Lutheran Seminary has been opened and now has 25 students enrolled! In N. India POBLO has partnered with Good Samaritan Ministries and is operating 5 orphanages and Everlasting Life Lutheran Church along with many home bible studies with worship services in several areas. Many are coming to the Lord and being baptized. Many human care and outreach services are planned for overseas such as: computer classes, ESL classes, sewing and embroidery units, schools, additional medical facilities and more!

Also, POBLO operates a day care at our main office in Dearborn Heights, MI. We have our Multi-Language Resource Center where individuals, churches, and our own missionaries can order books in a variety of languages to share with others or for their own use in learning more about Islam. We are working now to get our resource center for books, tracts, videos etc. in over 18 languages to be available for sale over the internet.

How can you help?

Please remember POBLO both in your prayers and financially, if able, as we boldly pronounce the saving faith found only in Jesus Christ! The harvest is plenty, the workers few! How very true, but with God nothing is impossible. POBLO has many workers out in the field now spreading His Good News to those who have never heard it. We have requests to open more sites. With many Muslims living here, we are **free** to speak to them of Jesus – unlike the Muslim countries they have come from - where preaching Christianity can mean the death penalty. **Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world and we *must* also grow in order to reach out to the people wherever they may be.**

We have missionaries in place now and others ready to go out into the field, but lack the necessary funds to support them. Won't you please consider supporting this work? *Together*, with your prayers and your financial support we *will* bring more souls to Christ!