

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Only Good One
October 10 & 11, 2015
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

Today, we are called upon to “seek good, and not evil, that you may live.” The rich young man came to Jesus, calling Him “Good Teacher.” The response of Jesus is meant to jar us—to make us stop and think. “Why do you call Me good?” He asks. Then He drops a hint, saying, “No one is good except God alone.” The good we are to seek is not good works, but God. How did Jesus say it? “No one comes to the Father except through Me.” We seek good when we come and follow Jesus!

8:00 PRE-SERVICE/PRELUDE "Rigaudon"- Andre Campra *ML Brass Choir*

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT Dr. Wayne Jensen

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Amos 5:6, 14; Mark 10:18*

Pastor: Seek the LORD and live.

People: Seek good, and not evil, that you may live.

Pastor: Why do we call people good?

People: No one is good except God alone.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 3:12, 15*

Pastor: Take care, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart. Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

People: I confess to almighty God that I have rebelled against you by my neglect of your Word and my many sins against you and my neighbor. I am by nature sinful and have not kept your commands from my youth. Soften my hard heart with the gift of your love and forgiveness. Strengthen my faith to look to you always for all good.

Pastor: Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts. Upon this your confession, by virtue of my office 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

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People: (sung) Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

⌘ WORD ⌘

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15* (Seek the Lord and live.)

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 3:12–19* (Repent and believe.)

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM

"Be Strong in the Lord"

St. Paul's Choir

8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM

"Go Ye Into All the World" Eugene Butler

ML Concert Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17–22* (The rich young man)

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

5:00 SERMON HYMN #816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" *Rise for last stanza*

From all that dwell below the skies Let the creator's praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord: Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8:00 SERMON HYMN #645

"Built on the Rock"

Setting by Hal H. Hopso

Stanzas 1-3

Introduction: Organ and Brass

Stanza 1: Congregation and Choir

Stanza 2: *Choir Only*

Stanza 3: Congregation and Choir

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spiers in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

*Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling,
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.*

**We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.**

SERMON *"A Poor, Miserable Rich Man... and Jesus"* Mark 10:17-22

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(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.

8:00 OFFERTORY *"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"* - Paul Curnow *ML Brass Choir*

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Lord, we pray for the Church in the world, that the Holy Spirit may clothe her in Christ's compassion and mercy.

People: Grant us to show forth your grace by the love and acceptance we show to others.

Pastor: Lord God almighty, only you are good and all of mankind is sinful and falls short of your goodness and glory. Forgive us for the times we have had too high of an opinion of ourselves.

People: Help us to humbly confess our sins and trust in Jesus for forgiveness and salvation.

Pastor: Lord of the church, we pray for Matthew, our Synod president; John, our district president; Bud, our circuit visitor; our pastors and all pastors.

People: Bless them by your Spirit to faithfully reprove and speak the truth, that we may be kept on Christ's gracious and narrow way.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, forgive us for the times we have feared, loved and trusted in our possessions rather than our God, chasing after riches rather than following our Master.

People: By your Spirit, move us to embrace the riches of grace and freely give of the earthly wealth you have provided for us.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for the poor, that they may be comforted in the truth that the Lord's eyes are always upon them.

People: Help us as your children to open our hands to support others in time of need.

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for Barack, our president, Scott, our governor, and all who serve in positions of authority among us, that they may use their authority in godly ways.

People: Bless them that they might truly serve the good of all in our land.

Pastor: God of justice and mercy, we pray for our courts, that our judges and lawyers may serve with integrity, pursuing the cause of true justice.

People: Grant that the weak and innocent may be defended, that those who do evil might be punished, and that all may be turned from evil to do good.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, we pray for mission work all around the world, especially Pastor Ferry serving in Indonesia and our Groundwork Guatemala team.

People: Grant us to pray daily for those who share the gospel, support them with our sacrificial gifts, and rejoice in the harvest that you bring.

Pastor: Lord of compassion and healing, we pray for those who suffer in body or mind, especially Versa, Mae, Shirley, Mary Anne, June, Sandy, Wendy, Larry, LuEva, Eleanor, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Kathleen, Jack, Helen, Shirley, Marion, Gretchen, Lois and Sarah.

People: Bless them with hope in Christ's great compassion and grant them relief and healing in accord with God's will.

Pastor: Giver of all that is good, we rejoice with Jack and Marilyn as well as Phil and Jean, as both couples celebrate 60th anniversaries in these days. We also give thanks for Ruth as she celebrates her birthday.

People: Fill our hearts with thankfulness each and every day.

Pastor: Dear Father, we give you thanks for the blessings of a Christian education and give special thanks for the students of Martin Luther High School who share with us their talents.

People: Bless them to know Christ, trust Christ, and follow Christ all their days.

Pastor: Lord of love, as you have loved us, fill us with an ever deepening love you, our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Bless us to treasure above all earthly riches the precious gifts of grain and wine that bear the flesh and blood of our Lord, given and shed for us for our salvation.

Pastor: Eternal Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the saints who have entered into God's eternal rest.

People: By your grace, sustain our faith, that we may not be hardened in unbelief by the deceitfulness of sin, but be filled with confidence in Christ unto the end.

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

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

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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.

8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM "Lead on Softly, Lord" Maxine W. Posegate

ML Concert Choir

HYMN #789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

HYMN #623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

HYMN #712 "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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, the God of hosts, will be with you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He will strengthen your faith and love.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord will lead you in all His ways.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father and the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and go with you now and all your days.

People: Amen.

5:00 CLOSING HYMN #707 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God grant me grace To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e’er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand’ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands ‘Tis a delightful road-

Nor let my head of heart or hands Offend against my God.

8:00 BENEDICTION/CLOSING “God Be In My Head” Kenneth T. Kosche *ML Concert Choir*

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing. Amen.

8:00 POSTLUDE

“Gavotte” (from *Ottone*) - G.F. Handel

ML Brass Choir

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Acolytes

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