



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Connections...

October 5 & 6, 2013

AS WE GATHER

Connections... When we wonder how someone has been able to reach a level or achieve a goal that we might think impossible, we are tempted to say: "He must have some *connections*." As Christians, we are definitely *connected*: To God as His children through faith in Christ, and with each other as a *community* of believers. Today we hear about wonderful opportunities when we open the door of *encouragement*.

Today is LWML Sunday

We give thanks to our God for the work of His servants, Lutheran women around the world who serve their Lord through gathering mites, participating in some in-gatherings for those in need, and in our congregation, the making of quilts. The love of Jesus Christ is clearly shown in the time, energy, and devotion of our sisters in Christ in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. May God continue to bless their work!

5:00 PRE-SERVICE *"Procession of Praise"* *"Here to Worship"* *Bell Choir*

WELCOME & BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." *Psalm 23*

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

Continued

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

People: God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: When our faith is battered like a leaning wall or a tottering fence,

People: God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: When others mock our faith and speak ill of Jesus,

People: God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: God is a refuge for us.

People: God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, we come into your presence this day troubled in many ways.

We see injustice in the world; we wonder why justice is so often
perverted. Then it hits us; sometimes we ourselves pervert justice. So our
hearts are heavy with the burden of our sin. We confess our sin too,
trusting in your promise to forgive us and to guide us by your Spirit to
change our sinful ways. Our wavering and our weak faith,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our resistance to forgive a brother or sister who repents,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our moments of cynicism and despair,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our perverting of justice and our losing sight of our hope in Christ,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Peace and mercy be upon you now and forever!

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

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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.

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 & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by your grace hear the prayers of your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through your bountiful 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.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

8:00 ANTHEM

“My Savior” Price/Besig

St. Paul's Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:1-10 (*Temptations to Sin*)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch yourselves. “If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. “Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

SERMON CONNECTIONS: *The community and the door of encouragement*

Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:19-25

1. Connections
2. Community
3. Encouragement

(Rise)

LWML PLEDGE *Spoken By All*

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

(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.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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 +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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.

5:00

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Bell Choir

HYMN #761

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

continued

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly: Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

HYMN #711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

HYMN #333 "Once He Came in Blessing"

Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.

Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

COMMON DISMISSAL

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, whose forgiveness of sins is beyond measure, bless you.
The Lord, who gives you a spirit of power and love and self-control, keep you. The Lord, who brought life and immortality to light, look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #835 "On Galilee's High Mountain" *Stanzas 1, 5 & 6*

On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to Me is given To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send My children, Their witness I will use."
continued

That ev'ryone He chooses, For reasons of His own,
Will find in Christ his calling To live His love alone.
His presence always leads us Till time no more shall be;
Christ's strength, His love, His comfort Give us His victory.

Lord, gather all Your children, Wherever they may be.
And lead them on to heaven To live eternally
With You, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us The joy to persevere.

Preacher
Liturgist
Lectors
Acolytes
Organist
Music Coordinator
Bell Choir Director
Choir Director

Pastor Gregg Stanton
Pastor Harold Bender
Manley Hurst, Marc Stefanic, Marty Osell
Macky Wessler, Sam Baxter, Nik Mueller
Roger Gottschalk
Kim Woller
Jan Schneider
Nancy Hoelke



Photos of church groups needed! Not only do we need members to have their pictures taken for the directory, we also need photos of our many groups and organizations for our activity pages. Digital photos are preferred - please submit them to jobender46@yahoo.com. If you have questions, please contact Jo at 414-616-1068.

It's Time for a New Pictorial Directory: A flyer has been put in your mailbox regarding your willingness to help with certain different tasks to be accomplished. Please consider helping. There is a box on the table in the narthex where you may place the forms. The dates for picture taking are November 5-9 and November 12-16. You can schedule your photo session online if you would like. **Go to our website:** www.splcwa.org and click on the Lifetouch logo which will give you directions to schedule your photo session. **If you submit your email address to Lifetouch when you sign up for your pictures, you will receive a \$10 coupon.** You can also sign up by the table in the narthex.