

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Faithful Love

October 8 & 9, 2016

5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

When given the chance to return to her own people, the widow Ruth pledged faithful love not just to her mother-in-law, Naomi, but to Naomi's God. Paul urges his apprentice Timothy to respond with faithful love assuring him of the strength that is received through knowing Jesus. This strength produces the fruit of enduring hardships, running the race, and working in the Lord's harvest. Yet even when we are weak and falter in our faithfulness, God is ever faithful to keep His promises. This faithful, loving God is the healer of all who suffer. Just as with His almighty Word, Jesus spoke healing to the ten lepers, so with His powerful Gospel promises He continues to speak healing from sin and death for us today.

### WELCOME

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.  
I will meditate on your wonderful works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.  
Psalm 145-3, 5b, 6

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

Sing Praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r made, In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD,

**People: studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

**People: and His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: The works of His hands are faithful and just;

**People: all His precepts are trustworthy.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Faithful and loving God,

**People: we confess that we are sinners by nature as well as by choice. We have willfully turned away from your faithful love and embraced shadow and death instead. We admit our powerlessness to return to you, and we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, you have decisively acted to forgive, heal, and restore us to life. By your Spirit, make what Jesus has done real in our lives this day.**

Pastor: People dearly loved, God hears your cry for mercy and answers when you call. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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**

**“This is the Feast”**

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**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

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

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. *Alleluia. Refrain*

## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, you show mercy to your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize your goodness, give thanks for your compassion, and praise your holy name; 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 ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ruth 1:1–19a* (“Where you go I will go.”)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she

was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me-- even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons--would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!" At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

**EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2:1–13** (The Word of God is not bound!) You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs-- he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the

salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

**5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM**      *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* J.S. Bach

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11–19* (One leper returned to thank Jesus, but what about the other nine?) Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN #895**      **"Now Thank We All Our God"**      Rise last stanza

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

(Rise) All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

### SERMON

*"Following Jesus in Thankfulness"*

**Luke 17:11-19**

(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.

(Rise)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful. He sent redemption to His people. Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful. So let us lift our prayers to His throne of grace.

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . 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.

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.

(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 #626 “Come, Let Us Eat”**

**(Leader will sing Leader part/Congregation will sing “All”, as printed in the hymnal)**

L- Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

C- Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

L- Our Lord’s body let us take together,

C- Our Lord’s body let us take together.

L- Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

C- Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

L- Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together,

C- Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together.

L- In His presence now we meet and rest,

C- In His presence now we meet and rest.

L- In the presence of our Lord we gather,

C- In the presence of our Lord we gather.

L- Rise, then, to spread abroad God’s mighty Word.

C- Rise, then, to spread abroad God’s mighty Word.

L- Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

C- Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

**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 #633 “At the Lamb’s high Feast We Sing”**

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King.

Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,

Gives His body for the feast-Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword: Israel’s

hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas’chal victim, paschal bread;

with sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;

You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;

You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;

From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,

Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(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.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**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 #816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

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!

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