

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God is So Good,  
He Gives the Gift of Patience and Prayer  
September 26 & 27, 2015  
5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

As our gracious Father, God gives His mercy and grace to us in a manner beyond any manner to which we are accustomed: forgiveness for sin, comfort for sadness, life for death. And He daily and richly provides for all our needs of body and soul! Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, our worship fills us with the Spirit and truth of God's Word. Just as your Father shows His grace to you in Word and Sacrament, He also sends you forth to show the world His love in a manner beyond any manner to which the world has grown accustomed. Finally, God is so good that He gives us the gift of Patience and Prayer.

### WELCOME

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #523 "O Word of God Incarnate"

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.  
The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Merciful God, your Spirit convicts us of our sin. We are by nature sinful and have broken your Law in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. We have done what you forbid, and we have not done what you desire. By the mercy you show us in the cross of Jesus, cleanse us by your renewing Spirit. Forgive our sins and strengthen our confidence in you, that we may find mercy and grace to help us in our time of need. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

W & R #177

*Sing twice*

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Everlasting Father, giver of everything that is good, send forth your Spirit of power that we receive your amazing grace, which is given richly and abundantly, that we might also be blessed with a spirit of

patience and persistent prayer; 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** *Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29* (The Lord sets His Spirit on the leaders of God’s people.) The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost--also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now--if I have found favor in your eyes--and do not let me face my own ruin." The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

**EPISTLE** *James 5:13–20* (Prayers offered in faith have great power.)

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 9:38–50* (Mighty works are done in Jesus’ name.)

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." Everyone will be salted with fire. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN**

**“Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

**W & R #478**

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for your return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, your wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his Word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.

**SERMON “God is so Good, He Gives Us Patience and Prayer... Now and Then”**  
*James 5:13-20*

(Rise)

**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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the  
service.

(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. Father in heaven, you command and invite us to  
come to you with every need.

**People: Open our ears to hear you and open our mouths to pray and praise.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our Creator, all life and well-being come only from you.

**People: Fill the hearts of your people with thanks and praise as long as we have  
our being.**

Pastor: Lord God, you have sent your Church into all the world to declare your  
praises to all. Like Eldad and Medad long ago, by your Spirit make us all  
bold to tell of your Law and your gracious redeeming love in Christ.

**People: Bless Pastor Ferry as he serves in Indonesia, bless the Groundwork  
Guatemala team as they prepare to share your Word with young and  
old, and bless many of our members to attend Mission-U, to grow in our  
ability to share the love of Christ with others.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, fill us all with your Holy Spirit that we may believe  
that you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

**People: Strengthen our resolve to work for the furtherance of Christ’s kingdom,  
bless us with a spirit of generosity in our giving, and fill us with the hope  
that never disappoints us.**

Pastor: Almighty God, guide and defend the president, the congress and all who  
administer and judge our laws. Change the hearts of those who would  
lead us away from your justice and truth.

**People: Preserve our freedom to serve you, and lead us to be faithful citizens.**

Pastor: Dear Father, you declare us righteous in Christ Jesus and then assure us  
that our prayers avail much before you. Forgive the sins, relieve the  
suffering and heal the diseases of your people. We pray especially for  
Mary Anne, Ruth, June, Sandy, Wendy, Larry, LuEva, Eleanor, Linda, Gladys,  
Russ, Kathleen, Jack, Helen, Shirley, Marion, Gretchen, Lois and Sarah.

**People: Grant them healing and hope, and strengthen their faith and trust in  
Christ.**

Pastor: Lord of life, we rejoice that you give us the gift of life through mothers.  
Bless our Elizabeth ministry as it serves the women of our congregation.  
Give success to our new mom to mom group, that mothers may be  
strengthened in their holy calling and support and encourage one  
another.

**People: Help us all to give honor and respect to our mothers and fathers, giving  
thanks to you for giving them to us, and always looking to you as the  
best Father of all.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you warn us against every temptation to fall into sin and  
forsake you. Keep us from anything we do that might cause others who  
believe in you to fall into sin.

**People: Give your Holy Spirit to us all, and especially to all servants of the Word;  
day by day, sustain us in humble repentance and godly living.**

Pastor: Almighty God, you have promised an eternal life of peace and joy where  
we will be reunited with those who have gone on ahead of us. Bless  
Gilberte as she remembers her son, Robert, and Phil and Jean as they  
remember her brother and sister, Dave and Dorothy.

**People: Fill us all with faith in your promises, hope in the resurrection, and the peace of knowing that you hold all your children in your hands.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, until we are reunited with the saints, sustain us by your grace as we receive again your body and blood, given and shed for our forgiveness and salvation.

**People: Grant us all to eat and drink with repentant faith.**

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

**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 #550

#### “Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

#### *Refrain*

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

#### *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

#### *Refrain*

(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 #770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

### HYMN #627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.

As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.

Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.

Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.

Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.

Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.

Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

"For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"

If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.

Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

**HYMN #731 "O God Forsake Me Not"**

O God, forsake me not! Your gracious presence lend me;  
Lord, lead Your helpless child; Your Holy Spirit send me  
That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
My staff, my rock, my shield – O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Take not Your Spirit from me;  
Do not permit the might Of sin to overcome me.  
Increase my feeble faith, Which You alone have wrought.  
O be my strength and pow'r – O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Lord, hear my supplication!  
In ev'ry evil hour Help me resist temptation;  
And when the prince of hell My conscience seeks to blot,  
Be then not far from me – O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Lord, I am Yours forever.  
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You never.  
Grant me a blessed end When my good fight is fought;  
Help me in life and death – O God, forsake me not!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Savior, we thank you that in your body and blood,  
we have tasted and seen that you are good. Having refreshed us with the

assurance of your forgiveness, enable us by your Spirit's power to hold  
forth your Word of life and grace; for you live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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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