

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Strength Comes from the Lord

September 1 & 2, 2018

### AS WE GATHER

One of the greatest accomplishments of Satan is tricking people into believing he is not real. After all, if people think he does not exist, then they aren't prepared for his attacks. Today, however, the apostle Paul reminds us of the reality of the old evil foe. Satan and his threats are real, but God does not leave us defenseless. We are to "take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm" (Ephesians 6:13). When Paul calls us to put on the full armor of God, the pieces of armor are all given in the one garment we put on in Holy Baptism. Clothed in Christ and His strength, we are able to stand against Satan, confident that even though he is a real threat, we need not fear!

### WELCOME

"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content  
with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.  
For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10, ESV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #930 "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"

*Soloist sings verse 1, congregation sings verses 2-6 Rise last verse*

All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty:

*Refrain*

*Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!*  
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Sing, you sun and you moon above, Stars of heaven, now sing His love;  
Dew and showers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, you ice and snow:

*Refrain*

Frost of winter with song so cold, Dews of summer, your song unfold;  
Light and darkness, you day and night,  
Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright: *Refrain*

1 continued

Hills and mountains, now sing His worth,  
All you green things that grow on earth;  
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,  
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: *Refrain*

Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song:  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest:  
*Refrain*

(Rise)

Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

**People: that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,**

Pastor: and having done all,

**People: to stand firm.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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**

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**People:** (sung)

Lord, God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our strength is not found in our knowledge, but in Christ alone. Give us good courage,

**People: that we would stand firm even in the midst of the devil's schemes by the strength you give;**

Pastor: 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)

### **10:30 BAPTISM SONG #605 "Father Welcomes"**

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**

3 continued

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

### **10:30 BAPTISM of Owen Jacob Bender**

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**✱ WORD ✱**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9* ("Listen to the statutes and just decrees that I am teaching you.") "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 6:10-20* ("Put on the whole armor of God.") Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 7:14–23* (What comes out of a man is what makes him “unclean.”) And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN “Lord, Keep Your Statutes in My Heart”** tune: Erhalt uns, Herr

Lord, keep Your statutes in my heart; Guard me, that I will not depart  
From You or from Your righteous Law, Which holds no hint of human flaw.

Lord, I am set apart in You And all that You would have me do.  
Your wisdom shines in this dark world As testimonies come unfurled.

Lord, tears of sorrow mar my face: Your truth is met with hell’s disgrace.  
As unseen powers clash at war, Preserve me from the harm in store.

Lord, help me cling to Your clear will Against all sin and earthly ill,  
And when I fail and come undone, Restore me in Your perfect Son.

Lord, I take joy in Your command And watch it spread to ev’ry land.  
Behold, Your people stand in light And trust in Your eternal might.

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### SERMON

*“It Starts on the Inside”*

Mark 7:14-23

(Rise)

**5:00 & 8:00 NICENE 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)

### 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. Lord God, you know the great evils that lurk in our hearts by nature, defiling us from within. Cleanse us by the blood of Christ and make us clean.

**People: Pour out your Holy Spirit on all your people, that He may constantly cleanse our hearts by faith and lead us in godly ways.**

Pastor: Remember, kind Father, in your infinite mercy all whom you have called to preach your Word. Keep them from adding to it or taking away from it, but give them grace to proclaim your whole counsel in Christ Jesus.

**People: Raise up new workers for your harvest fields, and prosper the preaching and teaching of your Law and promises throughout the world.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, we rejoice as your kingdom extends to others through both Word and Sacrament. Bless Owen Jacob Bender with your mercy and grace as he is baptized into Christ this Sunday.

**People: Bless his parents to raise him in the Christian faith. Hold him always in your arms, and lead and guide him by your Holy Spirit all his days.**

Pastor: Look in compassion on all who bear public office in our land. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity.

**People: Bless our common life as citizens of America that we may live together according to your will. Prosper us physically and spiritually, that we may lead peaceable lives and love neighbor as self.**

Pastor: On this Labor Day weekend, we praise you especially for your gift of work in our many callings. Free us from thinking of this gift of work as drudgery. Help us to welcome labor with joy as an opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors.

**People: Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like.**

Pastor: Wise and holy One, you instruct your people not to forget your great works, but to diligently make them known to their children. Prosper the instruction of young people in the faith throughout your Church.

**People: Grant that our young people may grow to lead lives of faith and courage and remain faithful to Christ all their days.**

Pastor: We place into your hands today your servants who are passing through difficult times especially all we have been asked to remember at this altar: Larry, Grant, Marilyn, Cindy, Anita, Scott, Mary, LuEva, Dorothy, Dick, Nancy, Sue, Jan, Dolores, Shirley, Gladys, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah. Make them strong in you and in the strength of your might.

**People: Arm them with the full armor you provide, that they may be able to withstand the evil day, stand firm, and wait with confidence for your deliverance.**

Pastor: Holy Father, we know that since nothing outside us going in can defile us, even more we know that there is something coming from outside and going in that makes us clean: the very body and blood of your beloved Son.

**People: Give us faith to welcome Him with joy as He comes to us in this Eucharist, forgiving, cleansing and restoring us.**

Pastor: Lastly, Lord God, we offer you our thanks and praise for your servants who finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors.

**People: Bring us with them to the unutterable joys of your new heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## 5:00 & 8:00 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 #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.

## HYMN #696 "O God, My Faithful God"

O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing;  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.

Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.

Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;  
And let my body have A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

### **HYMN #587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"**

I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ my God and Lord  
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word  
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all sufficient, It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To every evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit As all you said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

### **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: Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

**People: that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,**

Pastor: and having done all,

**People: to stand firm.**

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 #924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way.  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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