

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Family of God
September 6 & 7, 2014

AS WE GATHER

In the Bible verse we have been speaking for the past several weeks, God declares through His servant, Paul, that we are "no longer foreigners and aliens," but rather we are "members of God's household;" we are actually family members within the very family of God. Regardless of our past, no matter how spattered with sin, we were washed and sanctified in the blood of Jesus Christ through holy baptism. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11) Therefore, as members of God's family, we seek to live as His children according to His will. (Romans 12:2)

WELCOME

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.
(Ephesians 2:19-20)*

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Board of Education

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #644 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May 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.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly

People: offer prayer to you;

Pastor: surely in the rush of great waters,

People: they shall not reach me.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me;

People: You preserve me from trouble;

Pastor: You surround me

People: with shouts of deliverance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God Almighty,

People: When I have a guilty conscience but choose to keep silent, the groaning of my heart makes it feel like my very bones are disintegrating. When I have a guilty conscience, your hand becomes heavy upon me both day and night. When I have a guilty conscience, my strength dries up like a desert under the scorching heat of summer. I acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not try to cover my iniquity. I confess my transgressions to you, Lord. I ask you, for the sake of your dear Son Jesus, to be gracious to me and forgive the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Beloved in the Lord, God has heard your confession and declares you blessed, for Christ our Lord has died for you, has taken your sins upon Himself, and has given you His perfect righteousness. Therefore, 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 #790 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" Stanzas 1-3

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, your humble servants, your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 of Gustav Grey Carson

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+ **WORD** +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1-10*

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also

why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

5:00 ANTHEM

"The Good Shepherd" Zebulon M. Highben

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1-20*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to sin; cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angles in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost. "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness; I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

SERMON "At Home in the Family of God"

(Rise)

5:00 & 8:00 NICENE 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 for names of those to greet after the worship 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. Gracious Father, through the waters of Holy Baptism, you made us your children and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. We rejoice especially this weekend as Gustav Grey Carson is baptized into Christ.

People: Grant us to live together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Keep all your baptized children in your grace until the day your Son returns to usher in the fullness of His kingdom.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you do not desire the death of sinners but that they should turn from their rebellion, come home to you, their Father, and receive life and salvation in Christ. Therefore, your Son has sent preachers into our midst as watchmen to warn us of your wrath and to proclaim your word of forgiveness.

People: Grant courage to pastors to call us to repentance and joy as they deliver your forgiveness. Teach us to obey our leaders and submit to them as those who keep watch over us, men who must give an account.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you give leaders to every nation and people. Grant to us in this nation good and wise public servants to bear the sword righteously, defending the innocent and punishing wrongdoers.

People: Protect those who work to protect us, especially all in the armed forces, the police and our firefighters.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you send rain on both the believer and unbeliever. Provide daily bread to all people, especially to those who struggle to provide for themselves and their families. Give honest and faithful labor to the unemployed and the underemployed.

People: Grant to all people trust in you as the unfailing provider of all that we need. Teach us contentment with the gifts that you have given, so that we might not fall prey to the idolatry of covetousness and greed.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you lay crosses upon us to teach us humility and dependence on you. Abide with those who are sick, suffering, or distressed in any way; we remember especially Emily, Al, Jean, Gretchen, Ray, Heidi, Jim, Marion, Nancy, Gilberte, Jack, Mark, Richard, Virginia, Rosalie, Dorothy, Sarah and all who have requested our prayers.

People: Alleviate their suffering, heal their sickness and teach us all to rely only on you in times of distress and suffering.

Pastor: Gracious Father, your Son is the resurrection and the life, in whom all the dead will rise and through whom your elect will live eternally in your presence. Comfort the Gabler family with hope and peace in the resurrection of Christ. Bless the Weil family as they remember Cindy and the Osell family as they remember Louise.

People: Give comfort to those who mourn, that they might not grieve as those who have no hope, but as those whose hope is the Crucified and Risen One.

Pastor: Gracious Father, at the beginning of time you created us male and female

and instituted holy marriage. Bless Ralph and Judy as they celebrate their 47th anniversary.

People: Bless all marriages to be formed and fashioned by the love of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you have given us new life and eternal treasures stored up in heaven until the day of your Son's return, and you provide for us until that day through the feast of His Supper.

People: Give to all who commune today true repentance and faith, that they might receive this feast for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith toward you and fervent love toward their neighbors.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 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"

Stanzas 1 & 3

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.

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.

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.

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.

(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 #570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

HYMN #649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christians 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.

HYMN #709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

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In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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 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 #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*

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*

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The Family Project

A Divine Reflection

Bible Study Groups Offering Childcare

Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. beginning September 15 (every other week)
Meets at the home of Marty and Gina Osell: 2756 S. 69th St., West Allis

Fridays @ 6:30 p.m. beginning September 12 (every other week)
Meets at the home of James and Rachelle Novotny: 9460 S. Northbrook Blvd., Oak Creek

Fridays @ 6:30 p.m. beginning September 19 (every other week)
Hosted by Rick & Kathy Koepke. Meets at the Early Childhood Center: 7835 W. Grant St.

Bible Study Groups without Childcare

Mondays @ 11:30 a.m. beginning September 8 (every week)
Hosted by Laurel Privatt. Meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. beginning September 8 (every week)
Meets in the home of Pastor and Linda Stanton: 3240 S. 106th St., West Allis

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. beginning September 10 (every week)
Hosted by Bill Jahnke. Meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Instructional Room

Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. beginning September 11 (every other week)
Meets in the home of Ken & Lori Moy: 12940 W. Ohio Court, New Berlin
Hosted by both the Moys and Steve & Dorie Wollerman

Saturdays @ 3:00 p.m. beginning September 13 (every week)
Hosted by Pastor and Jo Bender. Meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall