

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Faith and Good Works
September 8 & 9, 2018
5:00PM & 8:00AM

AS WE GATHER

God shows no partiality. God's grace is for all people. Discrimination and bigotry towards those who are poor or those from different cultural backgrounds is completely contrary to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Christ alone saves us from our sins but a sincere, living faith in Jesus Christ always inspires and moves us toward love and good works. Instead of judging, we help the poor, receive and welcome those "different" from us, and see to share the love of Jesus Christ in our daily lives.

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 #524 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.
Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.
O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

(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!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,

People: when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

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: Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. 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 #930 “All You Works of God, Bless the Lord”

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!

Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!

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*

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

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*

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, you are a good and perfect God who does all things well,

People: grant that by faith in your Son who did your will perfectly, we would have forgiveness and life;

Pastor: through the same 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 *Isaiah 35:4–7a* (The ears of the deaf will be unstopped.) Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *James 2:1–10, 14–18* (I will show you my faith by what I do.)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37* (The healing of the deaf and mute man)

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: Glory to you, O Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"Savior Thy Dying Love"

TLH #403

Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow,
Some off'ring bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

O'er the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee.
Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise or prayer, Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee,
That each departing day Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wand'rer sought and won, Something for Thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be
Thro' all eternity Something for Thee. Amen.

SERMON "Faith Alone Saves... But Living Faith is Never Alone" *James 2:1-10, 14-18*

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED (*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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all God's children, that the Spirit would constantly open our ears to hear Jesus' Word and set our tongues free to glorify Him, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all the servants of the Word, especially our Together in Mission partners, Pastor Ferry and Rachel Meyer, that through their preaching and teaching, the healing waters of the Gospel may flow through the wilderness of this world, quenching thirst with the gift of the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of new church workers, that God would raise up those who speak to the anxious of heart: "Be strong; fear not! Your God will come and save you," let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Ava Lynn Wollerman, as she is baptized into Christ, that her parents would raise her in the Christian faith and that as she grows in years she would grow to know and follow Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For freedom from all prejudice, that we would be delivered from evil thoughts which cause us to dishonor the poor, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our Congress, our president, our justices and all in authority in our land, that God would grant them wisdom, courage, civility and honor as they carry out their difficult responsibilities, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who suffer oppression from the evil one, for all who struggle under sickness or loneliness or grief, for all whom we have been asked to remember, especially Herb, Larry, Grant, Marilyn, Cindy, Anita, Scott, LuEva, Dorothy, Dick, Nancy, Sue, Jan, Dolores, Shirley, Gladys, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah, that Christ would grant them deliverance and healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those affected by the flooding in our state, that God would bless disaster response workers and that people would be able to restore what was lost and begin life anew, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those celebrating anniversaries, Ralph and Judy celebrating 51 years and Tim and Lori rejoicing in 25 years together, that God would bless them to live in love and grace each day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who come to the Lord's altar today, that acknowledging our unworthiness to so much as gather the crumbs from under His table, Christ may mercifully feed us with His very body and blood and grant us to rejoice forevermore in His love and to show forth His praise in lives dedicated to works of faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Jack and Marilyn as they remember their daughter, Patricia, who has passed on, and for all the faithful departed, let us offer our praise and thanksgiving, and that by God's grace we would join them in glorifying Christ forever, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

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

tune: Olivet

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
answer our fervent call and 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 #839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear your voice and in your fold with us rejoice.

Fill with the radiance of your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and binds.

O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In you find peace and heav'nly rest.

Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart.

That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to you be giv'n By all your church in earth and heav'n.

HYMN #686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

HYMN #643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each
tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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 #842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead;
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Our bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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A Jaunt through James

A Sermon Series
for the Month of September

September 8-9: "Faith Alone Saves . . . But Living Faith is
Never Alone" James 2:1-10, 14-18

September 15-16: "From the Same Mouth" James 3:1-12

September 22-23: "The Definition of Humility"
James 3:13-4:10

September 29-30: "Enduring Suffering and Injustice
through Faith" James 5:1-20