

Passing on the Most Trusted Tradition: Jesus

As We Gather

What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

PREPARATION

HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" **LSB 589**

Baptism

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the [†] Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,
C and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.
C Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!

P From generation to generation, You are our God.
C Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.

P Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.
C Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.

Confession and Absolution

P Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the [†] Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.

WORD

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are one who is greater than any earthly temple. Strengthen us as we pass on the faith to our families and neighbors so that we may not pass on mere preferences, but the full potency of You, our Lord and Savior; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in

splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,³⁰because we are members of his body.
³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Jeremiah 15:16a

Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life [†] everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" LSB 865

Sermon

Offering

OFFERTORY "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782 vv. 1, 4

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The first two staves are for a soprano or alto voice, and the third staff is for a bass or tenor voice. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Hear us, Father, when we pray,
C for needed help from day to day.

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"
"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 637
LSB 602
LSB 563

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

CLOSING HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575

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