

9th Sunday after Pentecost + August 7, 2022
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois
Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

HYMN: "Salvation unto Us Has Come" *LSB 555 / TLH 377*

We sing stanzas 1-6. Here We Stand: Singing the Hymns of the Reformation Higher Things

1. **Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.**

2. **What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.**

3. **It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.**

4. **From sin our flesh could not abstain,
Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
Or purify our guileful heart--
So deep is our corruption.**

5. **Yet as the law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.**
6. **Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184-185

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM: Read Psalm 50:1-15.

¹ *The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

² *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.*

³ *Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.*

⁴ *He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:*

⁵ *“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”*

⁶ *The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge! Selah*

⁷ *“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.*

⁸ *Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.*

⁹ *I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.*

¹⁰ *For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.*

¹¹ *I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.*

¹² *“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.*

¹³ *Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?*

¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*
St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017

C: (Sung:) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*
St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017

C: (Sung:)
Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** *[LSB 189]*

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 15:1-6

P: ¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-16

P: ¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TRIPLE ALLELUIA

C: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: *(Sing:)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹

Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Sing:*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

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HYMN: “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” LSB 666 / TLH 263

Higher Things Inc. Bread of Life Conference – 2016 Bread of Life Conference, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

- 1. O little flock, fear not the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow’r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o’er God’s saints
Lasts but a little hour.**
- 2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.**
- 3. As true as God’s own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell’s satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—
Our vict’ry cannot fail.**

4. **Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise
Forevermore. Amen.**

SERMON: “Fear Not, Little Flock” *Luke 12:22-34*

HYMN: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” *LSB 673 / TLH 618*
Hymns for All Saints: Adoration, Praise, Comfort Concordia Publishing House, 2004

1. **Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?**
2. **O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.**
3. **Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow’rs
As nowhere else are seen.**
4. **There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing.**
5. **Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.**

6. **O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed.
Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet
Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving
faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from
the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You
have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for
which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION [LSB 202]

- P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up
His countenance upon you and give you peace.**
- C: (Sing:) Amen, amen, a - men.**

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7. **Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken:
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.**

8. **The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.**

9. **Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

10. **All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav’n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

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