

St. John's Lutheran Church
August 9, 2020
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

God uses money to illustrate His power.

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house.
And thereby put me to the test,
says the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:10).

Announcements

- Prayer requests can be made via the chat room which is accessed by clicking on the menu at the bottom of your screen.
- Beginning Sunday, July 19th, we will offer two opportunities to worship. The 8 am service will be offered in the sanctuary. Communion will be available but face coverings and social distancing are required. Congregation responses will be limited and there will be no live singing. Bible study will be available at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall or on-line. The 10:30 service will be offered ON-LINE ONLY. This service will be very much like it was for the first couple months. This will allow us to offer the best in-person and on-line experience possible until we resolve technology issues in the building.
- Your microphone will be muted during the service so that your background noise won't disrupt others. You can unmute after the closing hymn to talk with others.
- We appreciate your feedback on how we can improve our virtual worship experience.
- The flowers are for the Glory of God and to honor Chelsea Giles on her 21st birthday by her mom and sister.

Prayer

Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made:
- R1** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- R2** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- R3** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- R1** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- R2** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- R3** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- R1** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

P The Lord God is my strength and my song,

R2 and He has become my salvation.

R3 With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

R1 And you will say in that day:

R2 “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,

R3 make known His deeds among the peoples,

R1 proclaim that His name is exalted.”

P The Lord God is my strength and my song,

R2 and He has become my salvation.

R3 Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;

R1 let this be made known in all the earth.

R2 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,

R3 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

P The Lord God is my strength and my song,

R1 and He has become my salvation.

R2 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.

C Amen.

P The Lord God is my strength and my song,

R3 and He has become my salvation.

Old Testament Reading - Job 38:4–18

L The Old Testament Reading is from Job the fourth chapter.

[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

R1 Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading - Romans 10:5-17

L The Epistle Reading is from Romans chapter ten.

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in

your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

R2 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:22-33

L The Gospel reading is from Matthew chapter fourteen.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

R3 Thanks be to God.

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

R 1 Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

R2 Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R3 Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

- P** Join me in reciting God's will for us as given in the ten commandments.
- R1** You shall have no other gods.
- R2** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- R3** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- R1** Honor your father and your mother.
- R2** You shall not murder.
- R3** You shall not commit adultery.
- R1** You shall not steal.
- R2** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- R3** You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- R1** You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- P** Convicted by God's holy Law we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins which is ours through the faith we confess in the Apostles' Creed.
- R2** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- R3** 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.
- R1** 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 \dagger everlasting.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Filled by the Spirit and led by our reader we pray as as our Lord taught us to pray.
- R2** 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.
- C** Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn - 351 Creator of the Stars of Night

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| 1 | Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting Light:
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all
And hear Thy servants when they call. | Hast found the healing, full of grace,
To cure and save our ruined race. | |
| 2 | Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe, | 3 | Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to eventide,
The spotless Victim all divine
Proceeding from a virgin shrine. |

4 At whose dread name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things celestial Thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge the living and the dead,

Preserve us from the ancient foe
While still we dwell on earth below.

6 To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

Sermon

Collect for Proper Use of God's Gifts

P Let us pray. Almighty God, thank You for the abundance of gifts that You bless us with every day. All that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

R2 Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

R3 Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

R1 Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

R2 Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

R3 Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

R1 Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

R2 Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

R3 Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

R1 Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

R2 Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

P I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger,

R3 and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You.

R1 For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things.

R2 Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

C Amen.

New Testament Cantic

P Christ has been raised from the dead!

C Alleluia. Alleluia.

R3 Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

R1 Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

R2 Death has no more dominion over Him.

P Christ has been raised from the dead!

C Alleluia. Alleluia.

R3 Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.

R1 Living, He lives to God.

R2 Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P Christ has been raised from the dead!

C Alleluia. Alleluia.

Benedicamus & Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

R3 Thanks be to God.

P Having experienced the love of Jesus Christ we go to continue...

R1 Experiencing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Scattering Hymn - 715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

- 2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

- 3 When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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(Weekly deadline is Thursday at 1p)

Info for Pew News can be emailed to Ginny Dixon at ginnyforu@gmail.com

(Deadline for Sept is Monday, Aug. 24th at 5p)