



Lutheran Church & Christian School



9th Sunday after Pentecost

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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Living Differently II

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AS WE GATHER

Paul continues to urge us on. Know who and whose you are. Hold firm and fast to that blessed distinction. Be engaged in meaningful ministry. Continually feed your faith. These are some of the keys to living a fulfilling life. To be sure that fullness of joy is not yet, so until then we continue living in the now, not like the world in which we live, but differently. Yes, by grace through faith, ours is a higher calling, one that finds richness and depth in loving the Savior, and others in His name. Rejoice, today, to be His own, even as we seek to “live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.” (Small Catechism)

PRELUDE *RoseMarie Hill, Violin*

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” *LSB 798, St. 1-3*

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Congregation: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

Congregation: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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.

Congregation: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Colossians 3:1-4*

Pastor: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,

Congregation: where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Pastor: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Congregation: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Pastor: When Christ who is your life appears,

Congregation: then you also will appear with Him in glory.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798, St. 8

8. The God who reigns on high
 The great archangels sing,
 And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry,
 “Almighty King!
 Who was and is the same
 And evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
 We worship Thee!”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of life, You have raised us with Christ to be Your people.

Congregation: By Your grace, and with the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to wear well that garment of life with which we are clothed. Fill our hearts and hands with a life that honors You, and overflows with love and service towards others;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6 (God’s covenant with Abraham.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:12-17 (New life, new lifestyle.)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

VERSE "Seek Ye First"

LSB 712, St. 1

I Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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READING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 12:22-34 (Do not be anxious.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

(Please see back cover of the hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, we give thanks for Your redemption and rescue, and for forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus' name. Help us to cherish Your kingdom always. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit, that our faith this day is made strong, and that we desire to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, give us opportunities to share Your love with others and use the gifts You provide to the praise and honor of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, protect us, and Your Church throughout the world, that we be bold in our witness and always ready to serve in the power of the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, send forth the Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds of those who have wandered from the faith, and by Your Word of truth convict them and bring them to faith again in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, bless our work together in this place, through this ministry, as we entrust ourselves to Your guidance. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *RoseMarie Hill, Violin*

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we ask You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that all our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Congregation: **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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Congregation: **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN "The Servant Song" (*Words & Music by Richard Gillard © 1986*
Scripture In Song)

1. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out for you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in Heaven, we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Sister, let me be your servant, let me as Christ to you;
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LSB 790, St. 5*

5. ♪ **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!**
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises
 before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him! ♪
 ♪ Amen♪

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POSTLUDE *RoseMarie Hill, Violin*