



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 2020 - 5:00 PM
AUGUST 9, 2020 - 10:45 AM

(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” Hymn 827
(sts. 1, 2 & 4)

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?

Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God’s Word so richly yields.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Leader: In the Name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Our theme for the academic year is *Sent to Serve*. For Jesus said:

People: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

Leader: Truthfully, we have tried to serve ourselves more than we have wanted to serve others. Graciously, the Lord invites us to come before Him and admit our wrongs. Because of Jesus, He promises that He will not only forgive our sins, but also empower us to serve others just as He serves us.

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You and hurt other people. Instead of going to serve others, I have wanted others to come serve me. My words and actions have often caused family and friends much pain. I deserve to be punished, now and forever. For the sake of Your Son,

Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me and help me to love others, just as You love me. Amen.

Leader: Friends in Christ, I have Good News for you! Because of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, today is a brand new day for you! Your Heavenly Father has heard your prayer, He forgives you all your sins and He fills you with His own Spirit that you may truly live in loving service to others. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! In God's grace, we are sent to serve!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** "Sing Praise to God the Highest Good" *Hymn 819*
(sts. 1 & 4)

**Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

THE FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as

it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 20:20-28, ESV

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SERMON HYMN**

"Sent to Serve"

J. Burkart

(Revised text by Grace Lutheran Church, tune: "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

**We have been sent to serve By Christ, our Servant King,
Who gave His life that we might live; New life to others bring.
May we, through servanthood, Proclaim Lord Jesus' love,
So all might know that God is good, And trust the LORD above.**

Our Lord and Savior's grace Impels each faithful one
To hold the lost in His embrace; Each daughter, ev'ry son!
May they, by grace, be blest Through faith in Jesus Christ,
Who gave His life so all would rest In His great sacrifice.

Our ransom has been paid For Christ, who conquered death,
Rose from the grave, came to our aid, With His life-saving breath.
He reigns as LORD of all; He shall return again.
Until His coming, heed His call That all might heaven gain.

THE SERMON

"Sent to Serve"

Matthew 20:20-28, ESV

***CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***THE BENEDICTION**

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.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"
(sts. 1 & 3)

Hymn 920

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Pastor
The Organist
The Lector
The Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Wynn Bonner
Mike Britt
Linda Davy, Jane Petersen

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher
The Liturgist
The Organist
The Sound Technician
The Elder on Duty
The Lector
The Welcome Team Greeter
At the Welcome Center
The Welcome Team Ushers

The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Vicar Michael Duffy
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