



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 - 5:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 - 10:45 AM

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “The God of Abraham Praise” (sts. 1, 4 & 7) *Hymn 798*

**The God of Abr’ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.**

**He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav’n ascend.
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow’r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.**

**There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o’er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
On Zion’s sacred height His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.**

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

People: Amen.

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

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

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared,

Leader: 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.

People: 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 yours 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.

People: Amen.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

²look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many. ³The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ⁴“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:12-14

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*SERMON HYMN

“Earth and All Stars”
(sts. 1, 2 & 7)

Hymn 817

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lo__rd a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lo__rd a new song!

Refrain

He has done mar__velous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lo__rd a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lo__rd a new song! Refrain

Children of God, Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lo__rd a new song!
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lo__rd a new song! Refrain

THE SERMON

“Abandoned?”

Isaiah 51:1-6

*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.

***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**

“Abide with Me”
(vs. 1, 2 & 6)

Hymn 878

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.**

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	Vicar Michael Duffy
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