

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran Service Book: Service of Prayer and Preaching



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer of Preparation

O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in your sight, my Rock and my Redeemer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



Pre-Service Music

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" (setting by Jerry van der Pol)

"This Is My Father's World" (setting by Mark Hayes)

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 84:10

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

Psalm 25:4

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

John 17:17

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

C **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.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

145:1-14

L I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

C **Every day I will bless you**

and praise your name forever and ever.

L Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

C **One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

L On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

L They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C **The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

C **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

L They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

C **to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

C **The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Please join in reading aloud the highlighted portion of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Responsory

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

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

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

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

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

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

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28

Sermon

"Relief"

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C 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:

C 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:

C 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:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C 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:

C 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:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; 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. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

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.**

Blessing

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Postlude

“America, the Beautiful” (setting by John Carter)

Please wait in your pew so that Ushers may dismiss the congregation to help keep the Narthex from becoming congested. Please take your worship bulletin with you and recycle it at home. Offerings may be left in the basket as you leave the Sanctuary.

Those desiring to receive Holy Communion are invited to be seated in their pews for an abbreviated Service of the Sacrament immediately following this Service of Prayer and Preaching.

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