

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 "One Thing's Needful" (LSB 536) (setting by Henry V. Gerike)
 "The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644) (setting by Anne Krentz Organ)

Ringling of the Bells and 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.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 125

L Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

G **As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

L For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

G **Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

L But those who turn aside to their crooked ways

the LORD will lead away with evildoers!

C Peace be upon Israel!

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-39

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

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Responsory

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

G 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.

G 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.

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P Holy Baptism today is given for Coralynn Marie Vest, child of Karl and Rachel Vest. Serving as her sponsors are Chris Stewart and Melissa Walters.

Presentation of Baptismal Candidate

R *We present Coralynn Marie to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

The Address

The pastor speaks to those assembled for Baptism

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God’s house, and teach her the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R *I do.*

The Thanksgiving

The pastor pours the water to be used for Holy Baptism into the font

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Flood Prayer

This prayer, written by Martin Luther, acknowledges God's saving acts throughout history by means of water.

- P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.
- C** **By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.**
- L** In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the slavery to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life.
- C** **He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**
- P** Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.
- C** **To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

The Renunciation

Candidates for Baptism and sponsors join together in renouncing the works of Satan.

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
- R** *I do.*

The Profession of Faith

Candidates for Baptism, their sponsors, and the congregation join together in affirming their belief in the triune God.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **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.**

The Washing

The pastor baptizes the candidate(s) with these words:

- P** Coralynn Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

The pastor lays hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit's work in their life:

- P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Coralynn Marie: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sealing

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with oil prepared for this purpose. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

- P** Coralynn Marie, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C** **Amen.**

A lighted candle is given to the baptized with these words:

- P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- P** Finally, let us pray for the parents of this child:

O God, giver of all life, look with kindness upon Coralynn's parents, Karl and Rachel. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally the salvation you have given to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Welcome

Those who have been baptized turn and face the congregation as these words are spoken:

- L** Through Baptism, God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

Sermon

"The Cross"

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 seasonable 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

“Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure” (LSB 654)
(setting by Paul Grime)

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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