Order of Worship + July 19, 2020 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Nicole Moritz

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

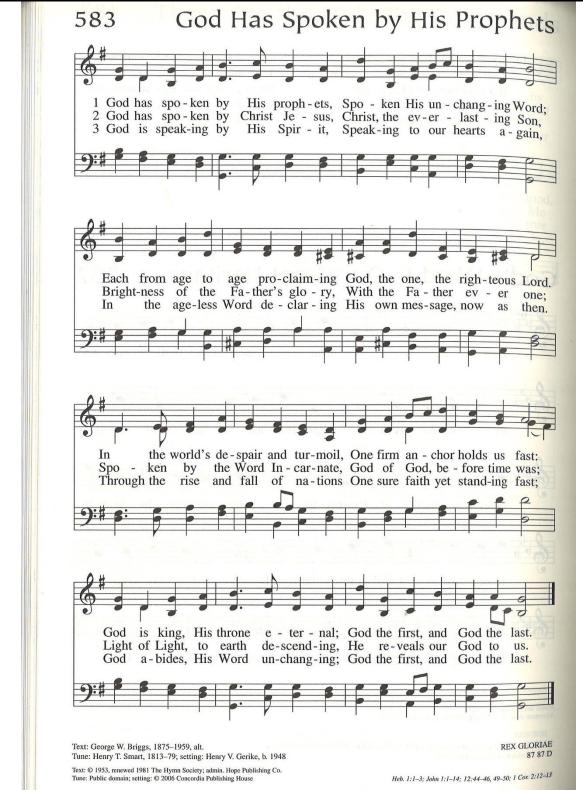
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister

of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Salutation

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray...
- C: God of mercy, when this world seems overrun by the evil that surrounds us, remind us that your Son, Jesus, has conquered evil and death and triumphed over all. Help us to confront the evil that can reside within us and turn it over to your transformative grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶"This is what the Lord says - Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come - yes, let them foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:57-64

- L: You are my portion, Lord; I have promised to obey your words.
- C: I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

- L: I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.
- C: I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.
- L: Though the wicked bind me with ropes, I will not forget your law.
- C: At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.
- L: I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.
- C: The earth is filled with your love, Lord; teach me your decrees.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:18–27

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

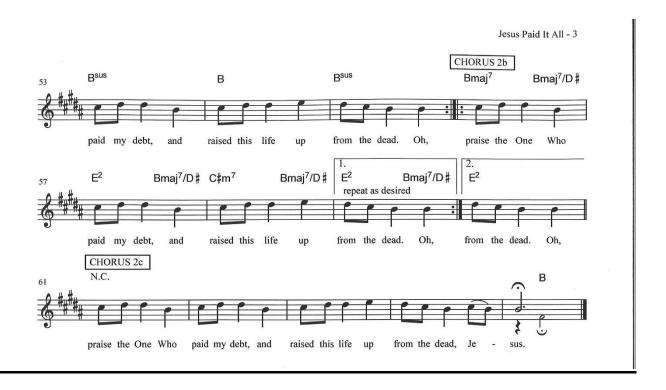
Sermon Song

"Jesus Paid It All"

Kyle Jones







Apostles Creed

- A: Let us profess the faith of the Church with the words of the 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.

Prayers of the Church

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

A: Dear Lord, there are 'weeds' in our lives, but they are not the measure of the harvest that You value in us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You, and confidence to follow where You lead. Enrich us with every blessing of your Spirit that we may be good soil forever faithful and fruitful for you.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Dear Lord, great physician and healer, in whom there is eternal life, hold in your hands and pour out your healing power upon those who are sick, maimed, suffering, dying, or in harm's way; we pray especially for Melissa, Eric, Alex, Lauren and Eddie Hoag, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Judy Grospitz, Beverly Lawson, Julie & Tony Maniscalco & their daughter, Serafina Rose, those on our prayer list and for all others not mentioned here...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Dear Lord, our savior in good times and bad, we pray that You help us find common ground with our brothers and sisters in the world to solve the problems of terrorism, war, racism, tribalism, hunger, poverty, and sickness. May we learn to be a people of laughter and joy, of justice and reconciliation, of peace and unity, of compassion, caring and sharing.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Dear Father in heaven, God of mercy, protect us from the Covid-19 virus by helping our health providers and scientists find treatments and cures for this disease and us by helping to prevent the spread of this disease. Please help us restore our communities, workplaces, and families from the disruption of the pandemic that has affected the whole world.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Dear Father in heaven, bless the NALC and those serving in the mission field who spread the Gospel of Christ Jesus throughout the world. We pray that our Calvary Lutheran Church congregation, our pastors, staff and leadership continue to grow and walk with You with a Christ-like devotional life that is steadfast and that we exhibit this in all our dealings with others.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

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

C: Amen

Peace of Christ

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

C: And also with you.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Benediction

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

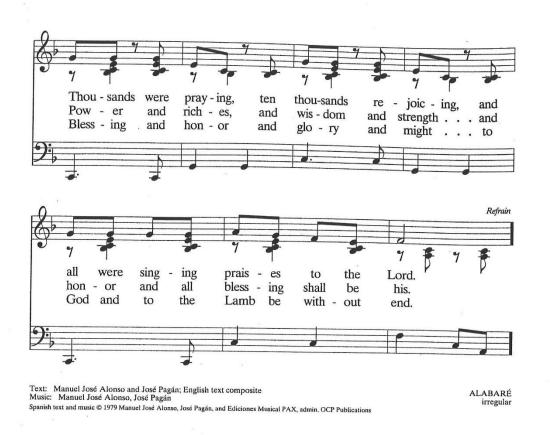
Closing Hymn

"Alabare"

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Nicole Moritz

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