

Order of Worship + July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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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.

Opening Song “Where Charity and Love Prevail” ELW# 359

359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Where Charity and Love Prevail'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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: Almighty God, through your Son's death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize

the signs of your reign that surround us every day and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to those who have yet to experience your mercy and grace; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷ The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 125

L: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

C: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

L: The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

C: **Lord, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.**

L: But those who turn to crooked ways the Lord will banish with the evildoers.

C: **Peace be on Israel.**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Announcement**Matthew 13:44–52**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Kyle Jones

Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

Sermon Song

“In the Garden”

Larry Bonier

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses
And he walks with me
And he talks with me

[Chorus]

And he tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me

Within my heart is ringing
And he walks with me
And he talks with me

[Chorus]

I'd stay in the garden with Him
'Tho the night around me be falling
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling
And He walks with me
And He talks with me

[Chorus]

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: Holy Lord, bless your holy Church with a bold witness for Jesus Christ, trusting in and knowing that we are your treasured people who you have entrusted with the priceless treasure of your Word and Sacraments. May we value our life in Christ above all else and willingly share your grace and mercy with all who hunger for new life.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Timeless God, you are Lord over all our days. You have provided for our daily needs and shown us that we can trust completely in your providence. Grant that we would have humble and grateful hearts, that we would care for others in your precious name.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Spirit of love, pour out the bounties of your grace upon all who are married. Keep them together, strong in faith, certain in hope, and abounding in love, that two lives united by you into one, may bear witness to your blessings of forgiveness, joy, and unity in faith. Be with all those who are preparing for marriage and may we, in your church, encourage and uphold the sanctity of this life-long bond.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Abiding Father, our lives are filled with challenges that are hard to understand and questions that are difficult to answer. We thank you for your constant presence that gives us hope to face each day. Bring your healing touch to all who are hurting. We remember especially

Noel Jenke and Elmer Eggert. Pour out your healing spirit on all who are in need.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Merciful Father, thank you for those who have died in faith, and for the promise of the resurrection of our bodies in Christ Jesus. We commend into your loving arms Carroll Gehrke. Comfort all those who mourn his death, especially Lois and the rest of her family. Fill them with hope and peace, trusting that Christ is the Resurrection and the Life.

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

“Jesus Priceless Treasure”

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,

tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al

faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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