

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name  
People: **and to those upright in heart.**  
Pastor: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,  
People: **the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

*Silence for self-examination*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.  
People: **O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. You are His treasured possession. 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.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### INTROIT *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
People: **make known among the nations what he has done.**  
Pastor: Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
People: **tell of all his wonderful acts.**  
Pastor: Glory in his holy name;  
People: **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**  
Pastor: Look to the LORD and his strength;  
People: **seek his face always.**  
Pastor: Remember the wonders he has done,  
People: **his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,**  
Pastor: you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
People: **his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.**  
Pastor: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
People: **make known among the nations what he has done.**  
All: **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.**

### KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
People: **Amen.**

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 7:6–9* (Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 8:28–39* (Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.)

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

*Matthew 13:35b*

**People:** Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:44–52* (The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup> “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.

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

<sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> 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. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

<sup>52</sup> 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.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

**CREED** *Apostle’s 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift. Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments. Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [*especially* . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Local concerns may be added here.*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## 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. 26

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LSB 922

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone, Waking, sleeping, I am with you;

You are My own, In My love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure, Here you learned how much I love you,

What I can cure. Here you heard, My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving,

Joyful and free, Here My Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled in you,

Go, My children; fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you, And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you,

And give you peace; I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, comforter and Brother.

Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace