Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 19, 2020

Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn – What a Friend We Have in Jesus – LSB # 770

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there. Amen

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution (Spoken by Pastor)

Introit

Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

People: listen to my plea for grace.

Pastor: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

People: untie my heart to fear your name.

Pastor: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

People: and I will glorify Your name forever.

Pastor: For great is Your steadfast love toward me;

People: you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Pastor: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

People: and they do not set You before them.

Pastor: But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; **People: listen to my plea for grace.**

Kyrie

All: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Catechism

Pastor: What is the Third Commandment?

People: Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**

(Collect spoken by Pastor)

All: Amen

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 44:6-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading – Romans 8:18-27

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

All: Alleulia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter **People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed (Spoken together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – Come, My Soul, With Every Care – LSB #779

Come, my soul, with every care, Jesus loves to answer prayer; He Himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring; For His grace and pow'r are such none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin; Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart, take possession of my heart; There, Thy blood-bought right remain and without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, let thy love my spirit cheer; As my guide, my guard, my friend, lead me to the journey's end.

Show me what is mine to do; ev'ry hour my strength renew. Let me live a life of faith; let me die Thy people's death. Amen

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord in your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.** Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (spoken by Pastor)

Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Pastor: Hosanna, **People: Hosanna**,

All: Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Blessed is he, **People: blessed is he,**

All: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Hosanna, **People: Hosanna**,

All: Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken together)

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.

The Words of Institution (spoken by Pastor)

Agnus Dei

Pastor: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

<u>Distribution</u> (*Please follow the instructions of the elders and Pastor*)

Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace

People: according to Thy word,

Pastor: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

People: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

Pastor: a light to lighten the Gentiles

People: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect (spoken by Pastor)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: and with thy spirit.** Pastor: Bless we the Lord, **People: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

All: Amen

You are invited to stay and visit with one another for a few moments, but please remember to keep appropriate social distancing.