

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 26, 2020

Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn – *The Church's One Foundation* –LSB # 644

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world see her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "how long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
Til with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace  
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face. Amen.

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

**People: Amen**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.**

*Absolution (Spoken by Pastor)*

### Introit

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

**People: make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Pastor: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

**People: tell of all His wondrous works!**

Pastor: Glory in His name;

**People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

Pastor: Seek the Lord and seek His strength;

**People: seek His presence continually!**

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works He has done,

**People: His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.**

Pastor: O offspring of Abraham, His servant,

**People: children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

**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: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

**People: make known His deeds among the peoples!**

### 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.**

### Catechism

Pastor: What is the Fourth Commandment?

**People: Honor your father and your mother.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

### Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*(Collect spoken by Pastor)*

**All: Amen**

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 7:6-9

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 8:28-39

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

Alleluia

Pastor: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

**People: You have the words of eternal life.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:44-52

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 – *Lift High the Cross* – LSB #837

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of God proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

Come, Christians follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. ***Refrain***

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring rank combine. ***Refrain***

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. ***Refrain***

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. ***Refrain***

Sermon – “The people of God” – Deuteronomy 7:6

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (*spoken by Pastor*)

Sanctus

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:**

Pastor: Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*spoken by Pastor*)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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*)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All: Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world, grant us peace. Amen.**

Distribution (*Please follow the instructions of the elders and Pastor*)

Post-Communion Cantic

Pastor: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;

**People: tell everyone what He has done.**

Pastor: Let everyone who seeks the Lord

**People: rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

Pastor: He recalls His promises

**People: and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of  
thanksgiving.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Post-Communion Collect (*spoken by Pastor*)

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.*