

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2020

Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn – *Christ is our Cornerstone* – LSB # 912

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys
above.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, one giv'n, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious
name. 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: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

People: I have fled to You for refuge!

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Pastor: Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

People: for no one living is righteous before You.

**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: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

People: I have fled to You for refuge!

Kyrie

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

Catechism

Pastor: How does the Lord's Prayer begin?

People: Our Father, who art in heaven

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask as dear children ask their dear father.

Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

(Collect spoken by Pastor)

All: Amen

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Pastor: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

Epistle Reading – Romans 14:1-12

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 18th chapter

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed (*Spoken together*)

**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.**

Sermon Hymn – *Chief of Sinners, Though I Be* - # 611

Chief of sinners, though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!
Love that found me-wondrous thought! Found me when I sought
Him not.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiven, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, all my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die. Amen.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

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.**

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