



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
8:15 AM
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SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CARING GOD, CARING PEOPLE

JULY 29, 2018

AS WE GATHER

God cares for us, but we aren't always aware of it. When Jesus stilled the storm that was hindering the disciples in the boat, all they saw was His power, and they were terrified. But when other people saw Him, they recognized a healer and brought the sick to Him. God always cares, of course; the rainbow is a reminder He won't flood the earth again—out of care for us. In today's Epistle, Paul prays that God's love in Christ would fill us. God will do that; He cares that much for us. We ask today that God would strengthen us to care for the people around us. May they see His love through our caring.

WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor **A** = Assistant **L** = Lector **C** = Congregation

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

P. Manz

WELCOME

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

(Stand)

OPENING SENTENCES

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

P With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

P Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

P 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.

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

(Sit)

FIRST READING *(God promises in a covenant never again to destroy the earth with a flood.)*

Genesis 9:8–17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *(Paul prays that God would empower his readers so that they reflect God's love in their daily living.)* **Ephesians 3:14–21**

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING *(Jesus stills the storm and heals the sick.)* **Mark 6:45–56**

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us make confession of our faith.

C 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.

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just as I Am"

LSB 570

SERMON

OFFERING **{Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}**

VOLUNTARY

"Just as I Am"

C. Callahan

(Stand)

OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781:1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]*..., let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

- C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

- P** Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him.

- C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

- P** Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

- C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

BLESSING

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve You.

- C** Amen.

HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809

(Sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord!

- C** Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

W. Runyan

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

GUEST PROCLAIMER:	Rev. Luke Zimmerman
MINISTER OF MUSIC:	Ken Sanders
THE LAY READER:	
THE USHERS:	Hans Abendschoen, Geoff Abendschoen
THE ALTAR GUILD:	Carla Allison
REFRESHMENTS:	<i>No refreshments in July and August</i>
THE ADULT CHOIR:	Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang, Quitao Zhang,
THE GREETERS:	Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold
THE PRIESTS:	The People of 1st St Johns

NURSERY FACILITIES are available in the Parish Hall.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the **GLORY OF GOD.**

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for the month of **JULY** is American Bible Society.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE the August Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1st at 10:00 AM.

STEWARDSHIP

Ephesians 3:20 – “**Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. . .**” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

SUNDAY

8:15 AM

Worship Service

9:30 AM

Bible Study in the Book of James

READINGS FOR THE AUGUST 5TH SERVICE

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Although the Israelites, freed from Egypt, grumble, God provides quail and manna in the wilderness.) **Exodus 16:2–15**

EPISTLE (God has created, redeemed, and called us all to the one Church, a unity shown in our love for one another and all people.) **Ephesians 4:1–16**

HOLY GOSPEL (Referring to the manna in the wilderness, Jesus calls Himself the bread of life.) **John 6:22–35**

UPCOMING SERVICES

August 5th-Communion (11th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

August 12th-Non-Communion (12th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).
Seminarian Brett Witmer will be the Guest Proclaimer for this service in place of Pastor Zimmerman.

August 19th- Matins, Non-Communion (13th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).
Sylvia Heffner will be the guest organist for this service in place of Ken Sanders.

August 26th-Communion (14th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

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