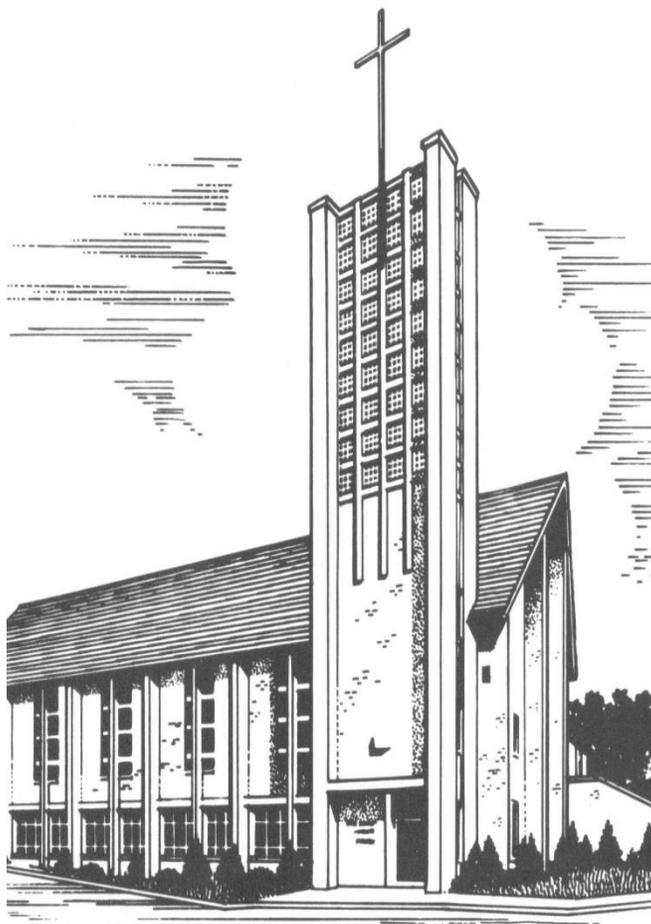


THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2015

10:45 a.m.



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MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Lead Me to the Cross”

BOTB 140

How can I be free from sin? Lead me to the cross of Jesus;
From the guilt, the power, the pain, Lead me to the cross of Jesus;
There’s no other way, no price that I could pay, simply to the cross I
cling.

This is all I need, this is all I plead, that His blood was shed for me.

How can I know peace within? Lead me to the cross of Jesus;
Sing a song of joy again, Lead me to the cross of Jesus;
Flowing from above, all forgiving love, from the Father’s heart to
me.

What a gift of grace, His own righteousness, clothing me in purity.

How can I live day by day? Lead me to the cross of Jesus;
Following His narrow way, Lead me to the cross of Jesus.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

LSB 744

P Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!

C I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see!

P Through His amazing grace, Jesus is here for you today!

C Savior, prepare our hearts to worship You in Spirit and in truth!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C Merciful God, Your Spirit convicts us of our sin. We are by nature sinful and have broken Your Law in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. We have done what You forbid, and we have not done what You desire. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Jesus, cleanse us by Your renewing

Spirit. Forgive our sins and strengthen our confidence in You, that we may find mercy and grace to help us in our time of need. Amen.

P Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 44

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SONG by the LOWER GRADE CHOIR “Sing a Little Song” Paul Whitaker

**Sing a little song of joy and gladness,
Sing a little song of peace and love,
Sing a little song to tell the world about our God above;**

**Sing a little song of His great mercy,
Sing a little song of prayer and praise,
Sing a little song to Father, God, Our voices raise**

**He hears our song, our every little prayer;
He knows our need; He's with us everywhere.**

**Sing a little song of hope and comfort,
Sing a little song of faith and power;
Sing a little song to worship God this hour,
God of Peace, God of Joy,
God of Hope, God of Love.**

**Sing a little song, O sing a little song,
O sing a little song to God, the God of Love.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all

this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you...”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104:27–35

P These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

C **When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

C **When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.**

P May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

C **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

P May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

C Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE

James 5:13–20

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 9:50b

P Alleluia! Have salt in yourselves,

C and be at peace with one another. Alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot

causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

BOTB 27

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

CHORUS: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace; bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

CHORUS

3. You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God! CHORUS

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! CHORUS

SERMON

“What Is at Stake”

based on the Gospel

reading

APOSTLES’ CREED

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
For the advancement of Christ's kingdom, that we may share the amazing grace of God in our words and actions, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace.**
- P** For all those who are clothed in Christ by Holy Baptism, that they may know the depth of the Spirit's love and power, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace.**
- P** For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they may provide servant leadership through the saving Gospel of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace.**
- P** For our congregation, that we may see the great need for God's grace in our surrounding community and boldly respond according to Jesus' Great Commission, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace.**
- P** For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that God would shield and defend them as they shield and defend our land and our freedoms, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace.**
- P** For all who are broken in heart, mind, and body [*especially . . .*], that they may rest in the care of our great physician, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace.**
- P** For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in every type of need, let us pray to the Lord,
- C** **Lord, bestow on us Your Spirit and Your grace. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

LSB 744

- P** Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!

- C** I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see!
P Through His amazing grace, Jesus has been here for us today!
C Savior, send us forth by Your Spirit to share Your truth and Your grace!

- P** 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.
6:24–26

Numbers

- C** Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART “The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

BOTB 205

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

CHORUS We sing glory, honor,
power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor,
power and strength to the Lord.

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
He's raised up a standard, the pow'r of His blood,
The battle belongs to the Lord. CHORUS

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near,
The battle belongs to the Lord. CHORUS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lisa Williams; 10:45 a.m. Bonnie Griffith;
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner)

Attendance: 9/20/15 (8:00 a.m.84; 10:45 a.m.63) 9/21/15 (6:30 p.m.25)

Sunday School Attendance: 10