

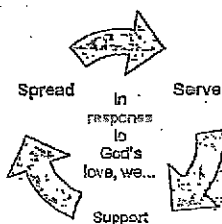
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship -9 AM

AS WE GATHER – All three Readings today ring out with the gift of humility. Jeremiah, deeply hurt by those who sought to destroy him, still humbly leaves vengeance to the Lord. James exhorts believers not to think of themselves as wiser than anyone else, especially when the evidence of their lives was full of bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. James urges the wise to repent and to exhibit the humility Christ demonstrated by being “peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.” When Jesus makes clear that He is on a path that leads to humiliation on the cross, the disciples haughtily argue about who among them is the greatest. By this they demonstrate that they did not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus then teaches that the greatest thing in life is to be the servant of all. And to show them the simplicity of it, He picks up a child and exhorts them to receive him in humility. We live in a world still ruled much of the time by brashness, boasting, and exulting in lording over others. At times we are tempted to treat others who are not Christians in these sinful ways. Yet these Readings work together to show us another way to live—humbly trusting God.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” by Paul Manz

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

James 4:7-8, 10

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Submit yourselves therefore to God.*
- C** **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**
- P** *Draw near to God,*
- C** **and He will draw near to you.**
- P** *Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts.*
- C** **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalms 25:6-7

- P** *God is our helper. The Lord is the upholder of our lives. Let us then, assured of God's love, confess our sin before God and one another.*

[A time of silence is observed.]

- P** *We confess to You that we are by nature sinful.*
- C** **We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves.**
- P** *We thought we were wise, when we were actually foolish.*
- C** **We have acted out of jealousy or selfish ambition.**
- P** *We have relished and reveled in conflict both within and outside the Christian community.*
- C** **We have failed to seek Your help in resolving differences great and small.**

- P** *We have laughed when we should have mourned.*
- C** **We have had joy when we should have sorrowed. Lead us to true repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, both what we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**
- P** *Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

KYRIE [sung to the tune of *Earth and All Stars*]

- P** *In peace let us pray to God Almighty.*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy upon us we pray!**
- P** *For peace from above and our salvation.*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy upon us we pray!**
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!
- P** *For peace in our world and church harmony.*
- C** **O Christ, have mercy upon us we pray!**
- P** *For this holy house and all who worship.*
- C** **O Christ, have mercy upon us we pray!**
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!
- P** *Help us and save us, comfort us daily.*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy upon us we pray!**
- P** *In grace defend us, Lord Jesus, Amen.*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy upon us we pray!**
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

INTROIT

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

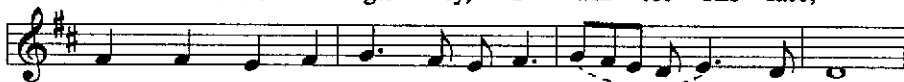
- P** *Delight yourself in the Lord,*
- C** **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**
- P** *Commit your way to the Lord;*
- C** **trust in Him, and He will act.**
- P** *He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,*
- C** **and your justice as the noonday.**
- P** *Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;*
- C** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**
- 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.**
- P** *Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

There Is A Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Jeremiah 11:18–20

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

James 3:13—4:10

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE [sung to the tune of the doxology]
 The Gospel shows the Father's grace
 Who sent His Son to save our race,
 Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
 That we might thus be justified.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.*
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
 (lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

RESPONSE [sung to the tune of the doxology]

May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

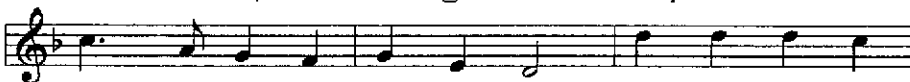
Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry

(continued)



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed, On the cross His dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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SERMON "SERVANT OF ALL"

Mark 9:30-37

- I. A Christian is a free lord, servant to none.
- II. A Christian is a bound servant, subject to all.

☪ APOSTLE'S CREED

☑ 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 there 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.

☪ OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Hope of the World

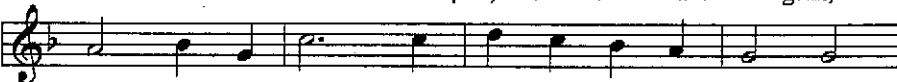
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1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,
 From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;

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Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.

5. **Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *The Lord God calls us to turn to Him and live. So now let us turn to God in prayer, looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. For the Church throughout the world, that, rather than argue about who is the greatest, we serve the lost and the least of this world and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. For missionaries at home and abroad, that their proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel bring hope and healing to people in despair. O God,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *For the world, that the leaders of our nation and of nations throughout the world promote peace and well-being for all whom they serve. For those who serve in dangerous occupations that help to keep the peace—soldiers, police officers, judges—that they be kept safe from harm and fulfill their tasks confident that they are part of establishing and keeping the good order of society that God desires for us. O God,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *For the needs of our local community, that the hungry are fed, that the homeless find shelter, that the unemployed find work, that the wealthy share generously, that the peacemakers not lose heart. O God,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *For those who are experiencing distress, [especially . . .]. For those who are sick, that, according to God's holy will, they experience healing and renewal. For those who are dying, that they take comfort in knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. For those who are grieving, that they experience peace in the hope of the resurrection. O God,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *For our own congregation, that we live by the wisdom from above—pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O God,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Fill us, Lord God, with Your wisdom that is from above. Keep us from jealousy and arguments. Fill us with mercy and good fruits. These petitions, and all else You know that we need, we submit to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

- 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.

BENEDICTION

James 3:17

- P** *The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 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 His peace.*
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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P ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Spanish Hymn”

by E. L. Ashford

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

September 30: "Cut Off-for Us"; Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr., Guest Speaker

Sin is serious because it cuts us off from God. Guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Rast says Jesus was cut off from God, in our place. (Mark 9:38-50)

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