

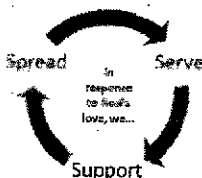
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *We have heard the Gospel account of the ten lepers so often we know it by heart. But we may still struggle to see clearly God's mercy in our hour of need, the full expression of His healing grace even to everlasting life, and how to respond with gratitude and thanksgiving. Christians, the Lord knows our need, and He will not abandon us in our hour of need. For us the goal remains to keep our eyes focused upon Jesus and to trust that His grace is sufficient for all our need. We pray the Lord to give us a grateful heart to rejoice in His gracious favor and not to forget all His benefits.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* by Jeffrey Biersch

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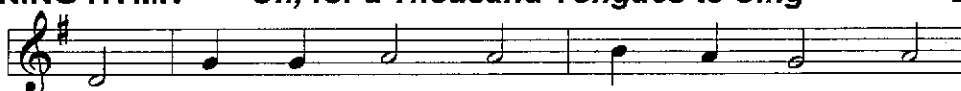
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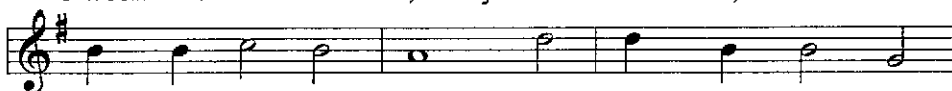
♫ OPENING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through

(continued)



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6. See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *The Lord has sent redemption to His people;*
- C** **He has commanded His covenant forever.**
- P** *The Lord has sent redemption to His people;*
- C** **Holy and awesome is His name!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Let us confess our sins unto God and implore His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.*
- C** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace to forgive my sins and for the Holy Spirit so that I may amend my sinful life.**
- P** *Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.**
- P** *May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**

INTROIT

Ps. 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Ps. 48:1a

- P** *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised*
- C** **in the city of our God!**
- P** *My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*
- C** **let the humble hear and be glad.**
- P** *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*
- C** **and let us exalt his name together!**

- P** *I sought the LORD, and he answered me*
C **and delivered me from all my fears.**
P *When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears*
C **and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

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** *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised*
C **in the city of our God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

As High as the Heavens

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is the Father's love.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He taken our sin from us.

For His anger lasts only a moment,
But His favor lasts for a lifetime.

Weeping may remain for a night,

But rejoicing comes...comes in the morning, in the morning. (Repeat first stanza)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: **Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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

Ruth 1:1–19a

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 2:1–13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 5:15

All: **Alleluia. Now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

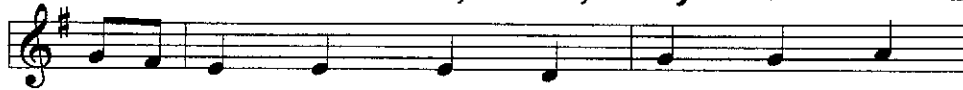
C Praise to You, O Christ.

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

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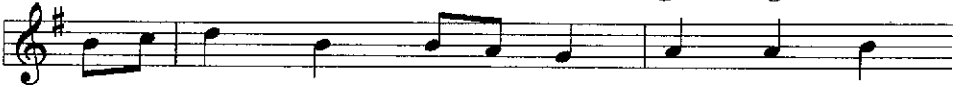
1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



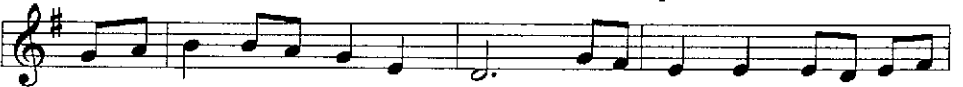
Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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SERMON

"COMMITMENT"

Ruth 1:16 & 17
Rev. Julius Clausen

♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

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 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 / CHOIR SELECTION

"His Mercy is More"

♪ OFFERTORY

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Welcomed by the Lord, we come to present before Him the prayers of His people, trusting in His wisdom and grace to grant us all things in Christ for our good and for the good of all people. Blessed Lord, You led Ruth to know You and by Your Spirit taught her fearful heart to trust in You for the future You had prepared. Grant us the same Spirit so that we, who know Your mercy in Christ, trust in Your eternal mercy in Jesus Christ for this life, for our forgiveness, and for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*

- P** Lord of all things, You have granted Your people Your presence and grace from age to age, that where Your Word dwells, You are present with forgiveness and life. Grant to Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name the grace of Your Spirit, that we hear Your Word and believe it, keep it in holy hearts, live it out in faithfulness to Your baptismal gift, and proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Mighty Lord, You hold all things in Your hand, including all the might of man. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will guide and govern Your people according to Your commands and protect the weak and most vulnerable, including the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed, and the infirm. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Merciful Lord, You granted hope to lepers and gave them healing according to Your will and purpose. Grant to all the sick and suffering, the troubled in mind and heart, the grieving and dying the full measure of Your grace and strength, [especially . . .]. Guard them against the temptation to doubt or despair, and keep them by Your Word through the days of their affliction when all the ills of this mortal life shall cease and we shall live fully the abundant life of Your promise. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Generous Lord, You daily provide mercies new and continue to nourish and nurture us in Your favor through all adversity. Instill in us a grateful heart, that we not presume Your goodness but live thankful and joyful lives because You have heard our cry and have delivered to us all that we need for this body and life and for everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** O Father of all mercies and God of our salvation, give to us all things good and holy and true, and build us up in these things, that knowing Your saving grace in Christ, we not fall victim to pride, temptation, or doubt, but endure all the changes of this mortal life with hope and peace through Jesus Christ, to whom we commend ourselves and all our prayers, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **G** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \neq give you His peace. **G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

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| 1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em- ploy you, | O Chris- tians, lest the |
| 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure | And bold - ly strive for |
| 3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; | The hours of grace are |

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foe de-stroy you; For Sa-tan has de-signed your fall.
 heav'n-ly trea-sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav-ior's might.
 fast re-treat-ing; Short, short is this our earth-ly way.



Wield God's Word, the weap-on glo-rious; A-gainst all foes be
 Trust the Lord, who stands be-side you, For Je-sus from all
 When the Lord the dead will wak-en And sin-ners all by



thus vic-to-rious, For God pro-TECTS you from them all.
 harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.
 fear are shak-en, The saints with joy will greet that day.



Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em-man-u-el.
 Take cour-age, wea-ry soul! Look for-ward to the goal!
 Praise God, our tri-umph's sure. We need not long en-dure



Hail the Sav-ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
 Joy a-waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
 Scorn and tri-al. Our Sav-ior King His own will bring



And we, the vic-tors, hold the field.
 Your crown shines splen-did as the sun.
 To that great glo-ry which we sing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Rise to Arms"

by Paul Manz

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