

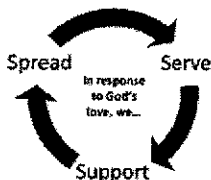
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Prelude"

by John Stanley

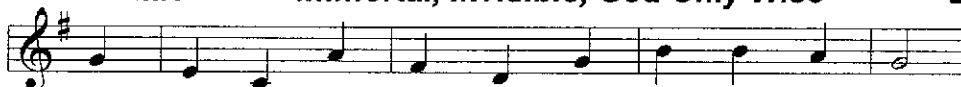
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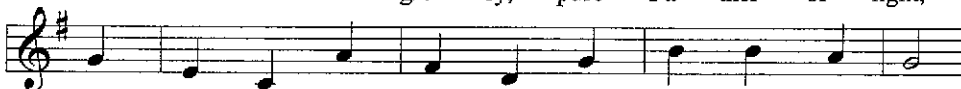
♫ OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

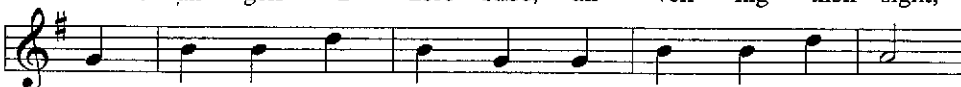
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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - ri - ous, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish — but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 104:33-34

P *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

G **Amen.**

P *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;*

G **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

P *May my meditation be pleasing to Him,*

G **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

James 5:7, 9, 12, 14, 16; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b

P *We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.*

[Silence for reflection.]

P *James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."*

G **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

P *God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

G **Amen.**

P *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;*

G **may the LORD rejoice in His works. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

INTROIT

Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13

P *Your name, O LORD, endures forever,*

G **your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

P *Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,*

G **give praise, O servants of the LORD,**

P *who stand in the house of the LORD,*

G **in the courts of the house of our God!**

P *Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;*

G **sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

P *Your name, O LORD, endures forever,*

G **your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

P *For the LORD will vindicate his people*

C and have compassion on his servants.

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 *Your name, O LORD, endures forever,*

C your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

KYRIE

P *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.*

C Lord, have mercy.

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Grace Is God's Love Undeserved, Yet Abounding



1 Grace is God's love un - de - served, yet a - bound - ing,
2 Grace is God's love we are shown in Christ Je - sus:
3 Grace is God's love bring - ing peace be - yond mea - sure,
4 Grace is God's love here in time and for - ev - er.



Wealth of love lav - ished up - on our poor race,
God in the flesh took our sin and our shame.
Peace none can find in the Law's harsh de - mand,
God's work be - gun in us He will com - plete!



Mer - cy toward sin - ners, all rea - son con - found - ing,
Death - con - qu'ring life of our Lord tru - ly frees us,
Guard - ing our hearts in Christ Je - sus, our trea - sure,
Noth - ing in life from this grace can us sev - er;



God deemed us wor - thy to save by His grace!
Faced our foes for us, His tri - umph we claim!
Peace far sur - pass - ing what we un - der - stand;
Noth - ing in death brings God's chil - dren de - feat.

(continued)



Deep this rich kind-ness the earth still is sound-ing—
 Good news now soars on God's Spir-it - wrought breez - es—
 Peace, a sweet fore-taste of heav-en's pure plea-sure—
 Grace, time - ly love for God's time-less en - deav - or—



God's love is grace not de - served, but a - bound-ing!
 God's love is grace all are shown through Christ Je - sus!
 God's love is grace that brings peace none can mea - sure!
 God's love is grace for all time, yes, for - ev - er!

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

James 5:13–20

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Mark 9:50b

All: Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* LSB 848



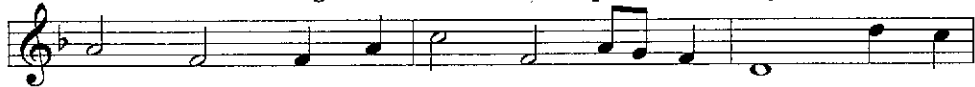
1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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SERMON

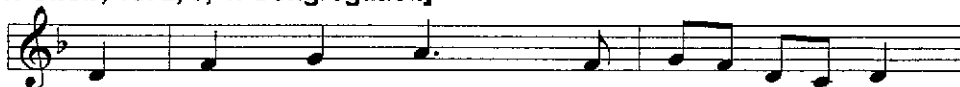
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Mark 9:38-50

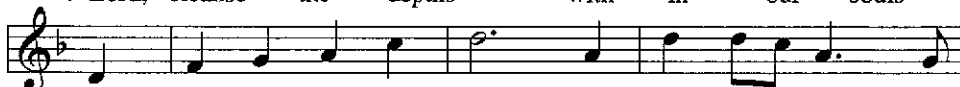
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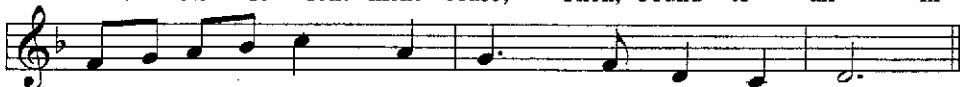
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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**"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" by Rosamond E. Herklots****OFFERTORY****"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"****LSB 843****[v. 1: Choir; vs. 2, 3, 4: Congregation]**

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs. For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**
- P** *For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**
- P** *For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**
- P** *For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**
- P** *For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [including . . .], let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

P For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.

P Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, 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.

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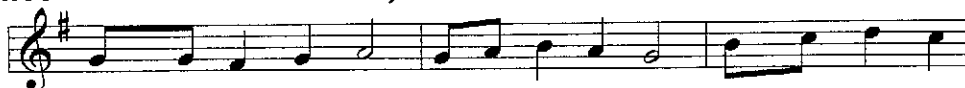
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Lead Thou On

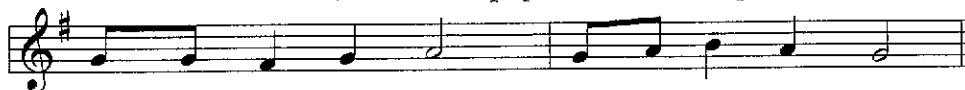
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1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Pastor Jim Robinson]

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

by Paul Manz

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 Counters..... Rob Hatton & Marisa Showalter
 Elder on Duty Doug Harder
 Greeter Beth Tevah
 Lay Reader..... Beth Tevah
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 Special Music: Christ Choristers & Handbells; Beth Buss, Director
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