

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Cloud of Witnesses

August 25, 2019

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

It often seems that God has laid an impossible mission before us. How can He draw from all nations, and how can He work through us to do it? But this is the God for whom nothing is impossible and the same God who has insisted that He speaks through the voices of His people. That means the task before us is to speak faithfully God's Word and so reflect the loving heart of our heavenly Father, who has sent His Son to redeem His fallen world. But we act not alone. The Holy Spirit works through the Word—even when it is spoken by our voices. God has called us here with the gracious invitation of His Word so that we might be strengthened and equipped to be sent forth with that same gracious invitation of Christ, crucified and risen.

PRE-SERVICE

Instrumental



WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING SONG "Your Name"

Baloche/Packiam

**As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.**

**CHORUS: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.**

**Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name. CHORUS**

Interlude

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save but. . .**

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.**

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR
LENORA ALETTA FOPPE**

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OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
People: **let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,**

Pastor: and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
People: **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

ALL: **Amen!** *Hebrew 12:1-2a*

(Please Stand)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *[John 20:19-23]*
People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
John 1:12, Philippians 1:6
People: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You called Boniface to be a witness and martyr in Germany, and by his labor and suffering You raised up a people for Your own possession. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your Church in every land, that by the service and sacrifice of many of Your holy name may be glorified and Your kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 66:18–23* (They shall come and see His glory.)

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *Hebrews 12:4–24* (See that you do not refuse Him who is speaking.)

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to

Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:22–30* (Will those who are saved be few?)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

LSB 588, v. 2

**Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

SONG OF THE DAY “A Mighty Fortress”

Nockels

**Our God is a consuming fire
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom**

**Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom
PRECHORUS 1: And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You**

**CHORUS: A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
With You forever we will reign**

**Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens forever He is worthy PRE CHORUS 1, CHORUS X2**

Instrumental

**PRECHORUS 2: We will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
So we can set our hearts on You
Lord we will set our hearts on You CHORUS**

**With You forever we will reign
With You forever we will reign**
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SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With You nothing is impossible and Your sufficient grace calls us to offer You the prayer and petitions of our hearts, O Lord, to whom we pray. That we hear His call to labor in His vineyard, supplying missionaries and church workers to speak His Word here and everywhere and that we well supply them with the tools and resources to accomplish this work, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we be good citizens and good neighbors and that those who lead us serve ably and well, for the benefit of all but especially for the protection of the weak, for equal justice before the law, and for the promotion of virtue, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we extend God's care to those in any need, including those seeking employment, those struggling with disability, and the poor, and that we well supply those in need with the abundant resources God has entrusted into our care, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That the hurting find relief, the sick healing, the dying hope, the grieving comfort, and the mentally ill peace, especially those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*], that all those who cry to the Lord receive grace sufficient to their need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549, v.1-3

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.**

(Please Stand)



✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 163

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "My Victory" Mulligan/Crowder/Cash/Bentley

**Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin
The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again REPEAT**

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DISTRIBUTION SONGS "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB 861*

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care, darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation; with Jesus I reign.**

"Because He Lives"

Gaither/Gaither

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus.
He came to love heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives**

**CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance**

**This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives. CHORUS
And then one day I'll cross that river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives. CHORUS**

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
People: **let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,**

Pastor: and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
People: **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

ALL: **Amen!** *Hebrew 12:1-2a*



BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

LSB 166

Pastor: 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.
People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "I Will Follow"

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in You alone.**

**CHORUS: Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.**

**Light into the world, Light into my life;
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find;
All I need in You alone. In You alone. CHORUS**

**In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.**

**In You, there's joy, unending joy;
And I will follow.**

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow.**

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.**

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POSTLUDE

Instrumental Music

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