

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?!**

“Special Delivery” Judges 3:12-30  
June 11 & 12, 2016 5:00 & 8:15



**AS WE GATHER**

Both Law and Gospel; both sinner and saint; both confession and absolution. On this earth, we live with a constant tension of a “both . . . and” when it comes to who we are and what God calls us. In the Gospel, the sinful woman at the dinner party washed Jesus’ feet with her tears of repentance, and Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven.” Realizing our own sin, the breaking of God’s Law which is good and wise for our earthly lives, and recognizing our continual need of a Savior, the Lord never leaves us in our guilt and shame. In our own repentance, we find the Good News of living in a “both . . . and” state, with the last words from the Lord always being ones of hope, promise, joy, and forgiveness through Christ alone that “in Christ Jesus . . . we might receive the promised Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:14).

**PRELUDE** “Praise to the Lord” *Organ*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

**CALL TO WORSHIP 5:00 PM** “Come, Thou Font” *Mike Gibbs, solo*  
**8:15 AM** “Come, Thou Font” *Ascension Sr. Choir*



**WELCOME 5:00 PM** Welcome of New Members  
Richard & Karen Rogier

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN** “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” *LSB 915*

**Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.**

**O all embracing Mercy, O ever open Door,  
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

*(Please Stand)*

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
**People:** And a light to my path. *[Psalm 119:105]*

**Pastor:** These things are written that you may believe  
**People:** That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God *[John 20:31]*

**Pastor:** Jesus loves me! This I know,  
**People:** For the Bible tells me so! *[LSB 588]*



## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People:** who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

**People: Amen.**

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**SERMON SERIES HYMN** "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" *LSB* 583, v. 1 &  
3

**God has spoken by His Prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast;  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the Last.**

**God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

**People: increase in us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love that we may receive the forgiveness You have promised and love what You have commanded;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT** *Judges 3:12-30*

[12] And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the Lord. [13] He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. [14] And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. [15] Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord, and the Lord raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. [16] And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. [17] And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. [18] And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. [19] But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. [20] And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. [21] And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. [22] And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out. [23] Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the

roof chamber behind him and locked them. [24] When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, "Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber." [25] And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their lord dead on the floor. [26] Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. [27] When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader. [28] And he said to them, "Follow after me, for the Lord has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over. [29] And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped. [30] So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14*

(Justified by faith apart from the Law and living by faith)

[15] We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; [16] yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. [17] But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! [18] For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. [19] For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. [20] It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [21] I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. . . [10] For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." [11] Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." [12] But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." [13] Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is

everyone who is hanged on a tree"— [14] so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM 5:00 PM** "All Hail the Power"

*Mike Gibbs, solo*

**8:15 AM** "In You We Live"

*Ascension Sr. Choir*

*(Please Stand)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

*LSB 205*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 7:36–8:3*(As a "sinful woman" humbly anoints the feet of Jesus, she comes to learn the Gospel.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh and eighth chapters.

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

[36] One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. [37] And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, [38] and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. [39] Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." [40] And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." [41] "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. [42] When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" [43] Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he

cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." [44] Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. [45] You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. [46] You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. [47] Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." [48] And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." [49] Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" [50] And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." [1] Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, [2] and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, [3] and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

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



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*LSB 207*

**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*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Onward Christian Soldiers"

*LSB 662*

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!**

***Refrain:* Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

**Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. *Refrain***

**Crowns and thorns may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. *Refrain***

**Onward, then, ye faithful. Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. *Refrain***



**SERMON** "Special Delivery" Judges 3:12-30

*(Please Stand)*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ, You have made Your Church on earth to be one Body. You make no distinctions and desire a relationship with all people.

**People:** **Help us to see all people as those for whom Christ died on the cross.**

**Pastor:** Guide and bless those who lead our nation, state, and community, and protect those who keep us safe both at home and abroad.

**People:** **Grant them wisdom and courage to act as Your servants in this world.**

**Pastor:** Amid our sickness, sorrow, struggles, and pain, grant us healing, relief, and hope. Be with those we lift up to You by name, [*especially . . .*] and those we lift up in our hearts [*pause*]. In time of trial,

**People:** **give to them Your comfort, and sustain them and us to eternal life in Christ.**

**Pastor:** Give to us the boldness of Your Holy Spirit that we may not fail to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. Bless those to whom we witness,

**People:** **that they may be receptive to Your Spirit and come to faith in Christ our Savior.**

*(Special Petitions)*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS “Hymn Medley” Organ

*(Please Stand)*

**God’s Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.**



**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for You choose to live in us. At Baptism, through water and the Word, You came to dwell in us. Today, the very body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, is given and shed for us. In repentance, we come before Your Table to receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Your Son on the cross of Calvary. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS — Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9***

**LSB 208**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

**PAX DOMINI** — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19 LSB 209

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

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** — *Lamb of God* John 1:29

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

LSB 560

**Drawn to the cross. Which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls  
distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.**

**And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

**“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”**

*LSB 729*

**I am trusting, Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev’ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall,  
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.**

**“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

*LSB 761*

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labors of my hand Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.**

*(Please Stand)*

**THE DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here  
below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**



**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION** *Psalm 103:1*

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *LSB 922*

**Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing You are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

**POSTLUDE “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

*Organ*

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Part 3. Copyright © 2016 Concordia Publishing House.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Text ©2015 Ascension Lutheran Church. Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012046