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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Jason W. Krug

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of Salvation, purchase of God.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(Refrain) This is my story this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the daylong;
This is my story this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

Perfect submission— all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above.
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *(Refrain)*

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

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

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

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 794

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my Life from heaven;

My Maker, who to me has soul and body given;

My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day

And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my life from heaven,

The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,

Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood

And gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support in sorrow's gloomy hour.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever living,
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised in whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.**

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COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:9–18

L: The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter eighteen of Leviticus.

The Lord instructs us to keep His statutes and live a life of love.

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear

your God: I am the Lord. "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 41

L: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

**C: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

L: the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;

in his illness You restore him to full health.

As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

**C: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

L: My enemies say of me in malice,

"When will he die, and his name perish?"

And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;

when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

**C: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

L: But You, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
By this I know that You delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
But You have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in Your presence forever.

**C: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

**A: 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.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1–14

L: The second reading is from chapter one of Colossians.

We live by faith in Christ Jesus; love for all the saints.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our
brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray
for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you
have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of
this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has
come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and
increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and
understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras

our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25–37

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke, chapter ten.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The good Samaritan shows love for his neighbor.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and

when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

He leadeth Me

**He leadeth me! O! blessed tho't!
O' word with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**(Refrain) He leadeth me....He leadeth me
By His own hand....He leadeth me**

His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand....He leadeth me.
Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom.
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me. (*Refrain*)
Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine.
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me! (*Refrain*)
And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won.
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me. (*Refrain*)

SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

With the Lord Begin Your Task

William Braun

OFFERING SONG

Lord of all Good

Hymnal p. 786 st. 1,3

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.
Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross!

Every round goes higher...higher,
Every round goes higher...higher,
Every round goes higher...higher,
Soldiers of the cross!

Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross!

If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Soldiers of the cross!

We are climbing higher...higher,
We are climbing higher...higher,
We are climbing higher...higher,
Soldiers of the cross!

Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Pièce

Craig A. Penfield

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

HOME COMMUNION: Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you'd like to help.

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