

The Divine Service

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Good stewardship, or "management," of God's gifts includes the hours, days, months, and years that He gives us. According to King Solomon, God "has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man" (Ecclesiastes 3:11–13). However, in our busy, restless, frenetic, workaday world with overly crowded schedules and demands that pull us in various directions, we find it difficult to manage our time, let alone be joyful and take pleasure in our toil. Key to managing God's gift of time is making time to rest, especially by gladly hearing and learning God's Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. When we make time for the good portion of sitting at Jesus' feet in the Divine Service, God Himself works to give us rest and refreshment to enjoy the time He gives us.

Call to Worship / Check In

Words of Welcome / Theme of the Day

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**

Pastor: God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Al-
mighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise 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. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

Processional Hymn "Lord I Need You"

Ensemble

VERSE 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

CHORUS 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

VERSE 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

BRIDGE

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

CHORUS 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God our Father, You give to all the children of man the days, months, and years in which we work and toil, and You call us to rejoice in the work that You give us. Help us to receive our days, our work, and our burdens as gifts from Your bountiful goodness, and lead us to rejoice in Your gift of time as it is sanctified by Your Word and prayer; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Reader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³ also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-13

Reader: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness^[a] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in

me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

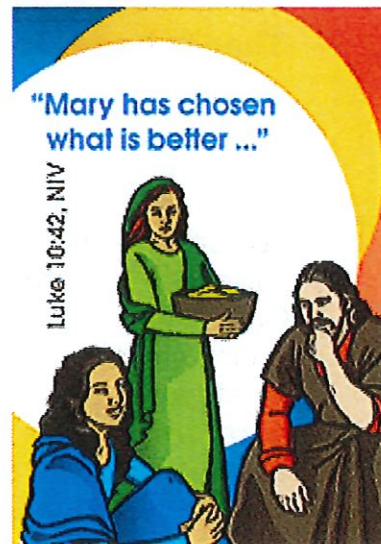
Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Hymn of the Day

"Lord Be Glorified"

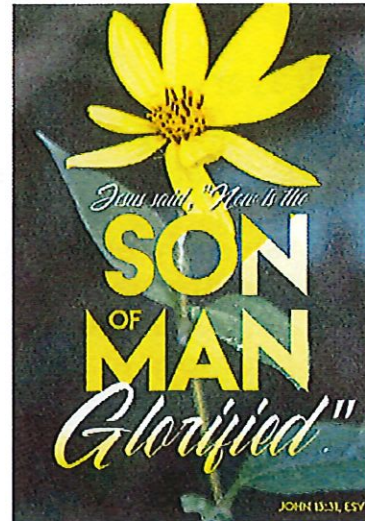
Ensemble

In my life Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord
Be glorified today

In your church Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In your church Lord
Be glorified today

In our time Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In our time Lord
Be glorified today

In my life Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord
Be glorified today



Sermon

"It's About Time"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

People: 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.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Verse

"Shout to the Lord"

Ensemble

VERSE

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

CHORUS

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

Dismissal

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: Disciples making disciples.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 22; Pastor Henze's three week sermon series will conclude with our commitments during worship services.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Gather together to give thanks. Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30 PM.
All offerings will go to LifeNet4Families Food Pantry.

Drive Thru Live Nativity

Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6
Come see the Christmas story come to life! Camels, sheep, donkey and more!
Volunteers are needed for this outreach event. Call the church office at
954-384-9096 for more information.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM—Via Zoom