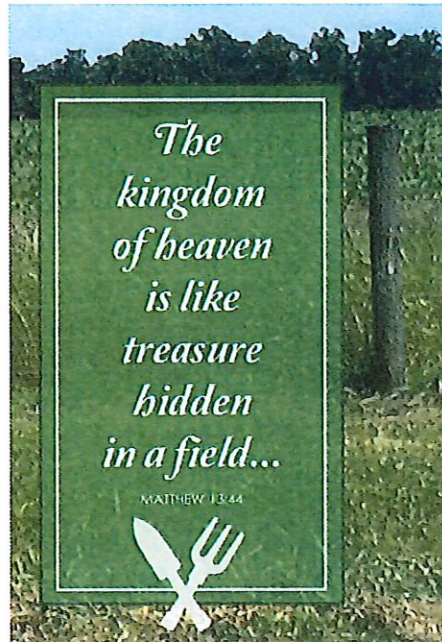


The Divine Service

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020



AS WE GATHER

Love is a many-splendored thing, says an old song. Oh, how we love the love stories! Sad, however, that so many of the great love stories end in sorrow and tragedy. But not the story of God's love. His is the greatest love story of all. It began with a promise to Adam and Eve still smarting over their guilt and suffering the shame of their betrayal. It was lived out among a people marked with the promise that a Savior would rise up from them. It was kept alive by the prophet's voice. It was made flesh and blood in Christ. Though we are unfaithful, God is always faithful. His love always triumphs.

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Invocation

Leader: 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

Leader: Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name
People: **and to those upright in heart.**

Leader: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,
People: **the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

Silence for self-examination

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
People: **O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a servant of Christ I assure you of the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Leader: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Processional Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" *LSB 644 verses 1,2,5*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith,
hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love
what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Leader: ⁶“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:28-39

Leader: ²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

4 **Anthem** “We Are Called” by David Haas

Adult Choir

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Hymn of the Day

"When Peace, like a River"

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

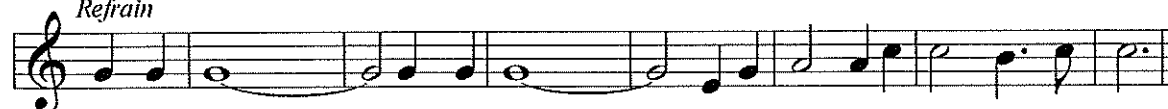


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Sermon

“Never, Never, Never”

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

Leader: 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

Leader: 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.

Benediction

Recessional Verse "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB 821, verses 1,2,3 Lesley Hsiao



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

Dismissal

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

People: Disciples making disciples.

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope and pray you had a chance to see Christ in a very personal and real way. If you have a prayer request or would like to talk to the pastor or one of our Stephen Ministers contact the church office at 954-384-9096 or by email at office@stpaulweston.org.

Amen!

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