

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23/ 26, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

THE COMMON SERVICE

(Christian Worship, page 15)

I Leave All Things to God's Direction



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion;
 2 God knows what must be done to save me;
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion;
 4 My God has all things in his keep - ing;



He loves me both in wealth and woe.
 His love for me will nev - er cease.
 My soul he, too, de - sires to save.
 He is my ev - er - faith - ful friend.



His will is good, sure his af - fec - tion;
 Up - on his hands he did en - grave me
 There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig - na - tion
 He gives me laugh - ter af - ter weep - ing,



His ten - der love is true, I know.
 With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace.
 All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave.
 And all his ways in bless - ings end.



My for - tress and my rock is he:
 His will su - preme must ev - er be:
 His will be done e - ter - nal - ly:
 His love en - dures e - ter - nal - ly:



What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

INVOCATION

Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



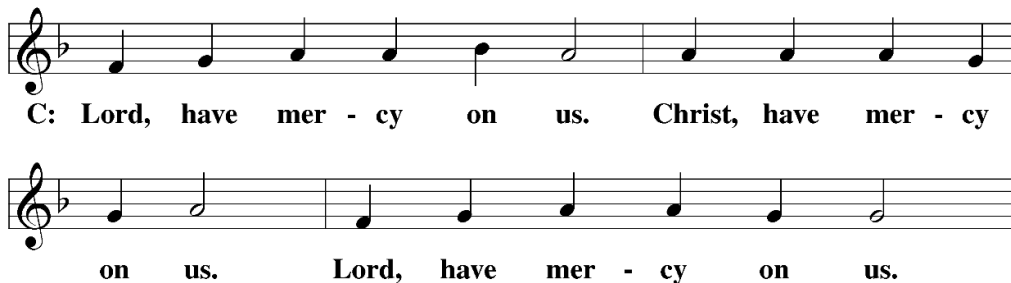
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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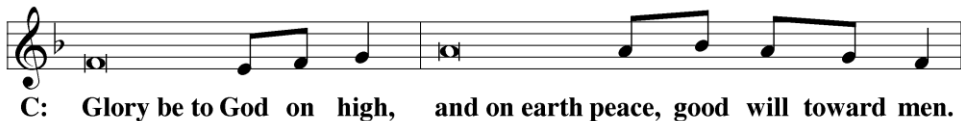


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

The Word

THE FIRST LESSON

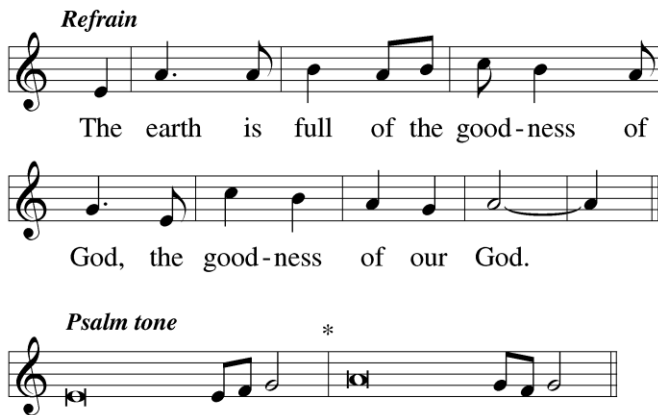
Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there

unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,
 so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth
 will not return to me empty.
 Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,
 and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 65



Refrain

Praise awaits you, O God,*
 you call forth songs of joy.
 You care for the land and water it;*
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
 The streams of God are filled with water*
 to provide the people with grain.

Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,*
 and your carts overflow with abundance.
 The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
 the hills are clothed with gladness.
 The meadows are covered with flocks
 and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
 they shout for joy and sing.

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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.
Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18–25

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope ²¹that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²²For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. ²³And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 13:1–9, 18–23

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 13:1–9, 18-23

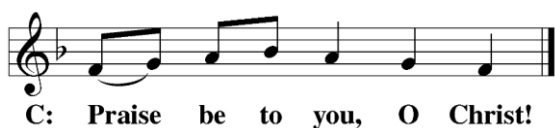


That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ²A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁸"So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. ²⁰The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²²The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN

CW #429

What God Ordains Is Always Good



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good; His
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good; He
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good; He
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good. Though
 5 What God or - dains is al - ways good; This



will is just and ho - ly. As he di - rects my
 nev - er will de - ceive me. He leads me in his
 is my friend and Fa - ther. He will not let me
 I the cup am drink - ing Which sa - vors now of
 truth re - mains un - shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or



life for me, I fol - low meek and low - ly. My
 right - eous way, And nev - er will he leave me. I
 suf - fer harm Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now
 bit - ter - ness, I take it with - out shrink - ing. For
 death be mine, I shall not be for - sak - en. I



God in - deed In ev - 'ry need Knows well how he
 take con - tent What he has sent; His hand that sends
 I may know Both joy and woe; Some day I shall
 af - ter grief God grants re - lief, My heart with com -
 fear no harm, For with his arm He will em - brace



will shield me; To him, then, I will yield me.
 me sad - ness Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 see clear - ly That he has loved me dear - ly.
 fort fill - ing And all my sor - row still - ing.
 and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

“With God There are NO Mistakes”

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -

tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING (No offering will be taken at this time. If you have brought your offering, you can put it in the collection plate at each door entrance after the service. Thank you!)

STAND

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN

CWS #435

435

The Will of God Is Always Best



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall
2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope
3 Lord, this I ask; oh, hear my plea— De - ny
4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I

be done for - ev - er. And they who trust in
and life a - bid - ing, And to his coun - sel,
me not this fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly
this world am leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your

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him are blest; He will for - sake them nev - er.
 wise and just, I yield, in him con - fid - ing.
 trou - bles me, Then do not let me wa - ver.
 will be done," Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing.

He helps in - deed In time of need; He chas -
 The ver - y hairs, His Word de - clares, Up - on
 Keep watch and ward, O gra - cious Lord; Ful - fill
 My heav'n - ly Friend, I now com - mend My soul

tens with for - bear - ing. They who de - pend On
 my head he num - bers. By night and day God
 your faith - ful say - ing: All who be - lieve By
 in - to your keep - ing, O'er sin and hell And

God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
 is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
 grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
 death as well Through you the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

CW #415

415

Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
 And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
 Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

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In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
 From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgy Pastor Smith
Preacher Pastor Smith
Organist Sarah Hanke
Deacons (Thursday) Dave Frey and Duane Mason
 (8:30) Dave Boswell and Ed Wheeler
 (11:00) Robert Niethammer and Brian Zahn
Altar Guild Esther Gross and Diane Stevenson
Videographer Jacob Vershum

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