

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB 725*

**Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given**

**God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth**

**Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,

People: and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.

People: Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!

Pastor: From generation to generation, You are our God.

**People: Your Word shall be heard among our children
and our children's children.**

Pastor: Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.

**People: Let us spread His grace and love to all the
nations.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus 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 in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (sing) **Amen**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 29:11-19 ESV*

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." Ah, you who hide deep

from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Chief of Sinners through I Be" LSB 611 vs 1 & 2

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!**

**Love that found me-wondrous thought-
Found me when I sought Him not**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:22-33 ESV*

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:1-13 ESV*

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “‘Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’” (that is, given to God) then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lamb” LSB 547

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'till ev'ry heart to Him belong.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

+ SERMON+

“Hearts that Belong to Him”

Text: Mark 7:1-3 (The Gospel Reading)

Our Theme: God desires that our hearts belong to him.

Our Goal: That the hearer, loved by God who gave his Son, will respond with faith that loves God with all his heart.

INTRODUCTION:

- I. Too often, what God finds is that we are guilty of false advertising with hearts far from Him.
- II. God so desires that our hearts belong to Him that he gave his own Son.
- III. In doing all this, the Lord strips away our hypocrisy so that our hearts do become His.

CONCLUSION

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.
Hear us, Father, when we pray,

People: for needed help from day to day.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, give us courage to speak to those family members and friends who have ceased to follow You or who have never followed

You. Strengthen us for hard conversations so that we pass on the most important thing we have ever been given: Jesus Christ. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

People: for needed help from day to day.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Spirit and Your Son to be our comfort in times of mourning and grief. Bring comfort to all those who are suffering at the death of loved ones. Point them to the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

People: for needed help from day to day.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, remember all those who struggle with infertility. Comfort them in their mourning. Protect them from foolish commentary and judgment. Lead them where You would want them to go. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

People: for needed help from day to day.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we pray for all families, for husbands and wives, for children and grandchildren, for brothers and sisters, and every relationship. Help our earthly families to reflect the love, honor, and sacrifice of our eternal family to come. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

People: for needed help from day to day.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially* . . . Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

People: for needed help from day to day.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we commend all these prayers
into Your loving hands, for You live and reign with
the Spirit and the Son, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **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,
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is Your Word
Incarnate and who on this day spoke Your
powerful word of victory over death and the grave
by His glorious resurrection, opening to us the
way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and
archangels and with all the company of heaven we
laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore
praising You and singing:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O

Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the

final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“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 hands
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.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You
have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and
we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward
You and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Go, My Children, with my Blessings” *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**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“My Hope is built on Nothing Less” *LSB 575*

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**



Paeon of Praise for Animals

(Psalm 67:24-25, 27-28, 30-31, NLT).

Pastor: O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!

In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. Here is the ocean, vast and wide, teeming with life of every kind, both large and small. They all depend on you to give them food as they need it. When you supply it, they gather it. You open your hand to feed them, and

they are richly satisfied. When you give them your breath, life is created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord continue forever! The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!

A Blessing for our Beloved Animals

PASTOR: Blessed are you, Lord God, who made every living thing with which the water teems, and every winged bird, the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, and called it all “good.”

PEOPLE: **Thank you for this animal, for its life that comes from you, and for the love and joy it brings. Please bless this creature and let our loving care for him/her be a reflection of your loving nature. We praise you for all your beauty in creation, and especially for this expression of your love. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Quilting for September

2nd & 11th

Attendance

Sunday August 15th 9:30 am 38

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Steve & Linda Hurst – August 24th

Gary & Val Mason – August 26th

Birthdays

Carl Haney – August 23rd

Mike VanHampler – August 24th

Kelley Corona – August 26th

For the Shut-Ins

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Margie Taylor, Val Mason's Cousin, in hospital on ventilator for covid. Her other cousins have come down with covid but are improving.

Daniel Brown, father of Dave Brown, recovering from a fall.

Linda Grant, recovering from her hip replacement.

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, hospitalized with appendicitis and back issues.

Barbara Parise, Frank Pignanelli's sister, undergoing more cancer treatments.

Pastor Tony Sikora, in the hospital with Covid and on ventilator.

Shirley Griffin, recovery from surgery and cancer treatment

Pastor Marvin, the patience to endure and exercise or therapy to gain more and more strength and movement.

Phyllis Dasher, upcoming Surgery on her eye

Kim Armstrong, upcoming surgery

Afghanistan Citizens & American Citizens, for keeping them safe during this hard time.