



St. John Lutheran Church ELCA Waseca, MN

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Introduction

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(please stand)

Call to worship (Psalm 103:1-8)

P Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

C **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

P who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

P who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C **The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

P He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gathering Hymn: (cranberry) #524 **What Is this Place**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Let us pray together:

P: O God, mighty and immortal,

C: **you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

R The Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

R The Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation (cranberry) pg. 142

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteen chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Message:

Pastor Matt Larson

Message Song (cranberry) #514 O Word of God Incarnate

(Please Stand)

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The Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share Christ's peace with each other.

(please be seated)

Offering Invitation (spoken by Pastor)

THANKSGIVING

Stewardship Minute

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Every morning when we wake up, we can trust the certainty of this promise: God’s love and mercy is never ending. And, since that is our sure and certain hope, what might you do with this new day? What courage or boldness might this promise give to you? How might this good news of God’s steadfast love and mercy lead you to see the world and others differently? Let us trust in the promise of God’s great mercy that will never let us go!

Offering Prayer

P: Please pray with me:

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right too give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (cranberry) pg 144

Words of Institution

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and ascension we pray for his coming again, even as we cry: Amen! Come Lord, Jesus!

C: (Spoken) Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

C:(Spoken) Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend

**C: (Spoken) Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,
All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Make us bold, merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray.

3. *Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane, But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain; Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail. **Refrain:***

4. *Onward, them, ye people, Join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song; Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the King; This thro' countless ages Men and angels sing. **Refrain:***

Sending

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leaders in the Service

Pastor: Matt Larson

Acolyte: Cory Bartz

Ushers: Kevin & Cindy Dickie

Reader: Russell Tesch

Organist: Al Tonn

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