



GOD'S WORD WORKS

Pentecost 8 July 30, 2017

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God's glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God's Word today.

GUESTS

- You're our guest, so if there's anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY'S FOCUS

God promises that his Word always accomplishes his purpose. Paul saw that in Corinth, where some rejected the Word of God, but many others believed it. Jesus makes the same point in a parable, explaining that the Word of God is shared with all kinds of people, and while many reject it or lose it, some are brought to faith.

SEASON'S FOCUS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The season of Pentecost focuses on the Holy Spirit's work with Christians to strengthen faith and grow in Christian living through the means of grace.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is offered today to members of this congregation and our fellowship. God teaches in 1 Cor 11:28 that self-examination prior to Holy Communion is vital; one helpful tool is found on page 156 in the hymnal.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Common Service with Holy Communion | Page 15

This is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that became commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America.

HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | 221

INTRODUCTION

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

C 
C: A - men.

CONFESSION & 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.


C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

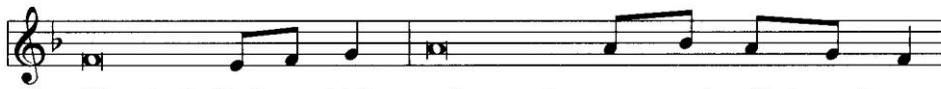

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

C 
C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



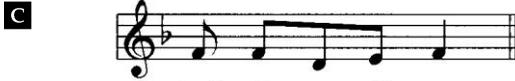
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



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:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-11

God promises that his Word is effective and always accomplishes its purpose.

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there unless they water the earth,
make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,
and it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so it will be with my Word that goes forth from my mouth.
It 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

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The psalm is spoken together by the whole congregation.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 18:1-11

God's Word works his purpose in the city of Corinth, converting many people.

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks. ⁵When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!" ⁷He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized. ⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. "The word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it." Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)

C



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

M The gospel for today comes from Matthew chapter 13.

C



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus explains that God's kingdom is spread recklessly, inviting all people to trust in him.

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 our Lord.



NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

Acts 18:1-11

"God's Word Works"



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.

OFFERING

We Thank You | 615 (1,3)

We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offering support Our Redeemer's and Rock of Ages as well as our synod's mission efforts around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.

**We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
 We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev'rything;
 For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
 For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.**

**But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,
 Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
 Our life now has full meaning-Christ Jesus is our God!
 Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

The Sacrament

- M** The Lord be with you.

C **C: And al - so with you.**

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of the following notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5. The notes are connected by a slur from C4 to Bb4, and then continue as eighth notes from D4 to C5.

- M** Lift up your hearts.

C **C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

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- M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **C: It is good and right so to do.**

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- M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C

C: A - men.

LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

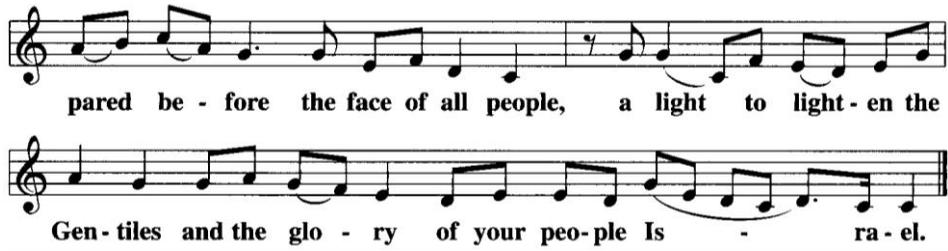
I Come O Savior to Your Table | 310

As the Bible teaches, our congregations practice close communion. Therefore, ask that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (WELS and ELS) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.

SONG OF SIMEON

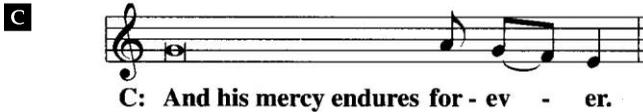


C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN

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