

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Pentecost 6 July 1, 2018

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

We often wonder why so many bad things happen in the world, if God is so loving. Jesus points us to the one truly bad thing that could happen: a refusal to repent.

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.

The green paraments symbolize growth; through the means of grace, the Holy Spirit causes Christians to grow.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Divine Service

HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near | 226

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

C Amen.

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.**

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 Amen.

Throughout history, the church on earth has used the fine arts to praise God and proclaim his glory. The fine arts of music, singing, and poetry come together in our hymns, anthems, and canticles (“little songs”).

Baptism is a lifelong reminder of the believer’s daily spiritual struggle and triumph of faith. For that reason, the baptismal font is placed prominently as a visual symbol.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant was the visible symbol of God's presence. Our altar serves the same symbolism as a visible symbol that God is present with us in Word and sacrament.

M

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

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.

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

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

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

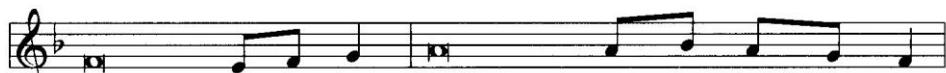
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria*

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



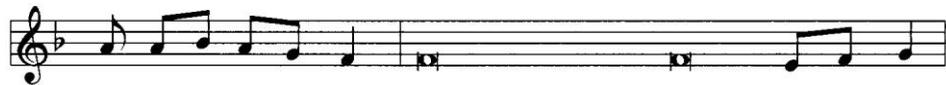
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

The announcement of Jesus' forgiveness establishes peace in the heart, and peace-filled hearts long to praise the God who forgives.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The congregation concludes the prayer, "Amen." With this word, the congregation proclaims, "This is our prayer, too."

M Let us pray:

O Lord, you desire all people to turn to you in repentance. When bad things happen in our lives, turn us towards you for safety, comfort, and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 34:15-18

In our worship services, one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter (epistle), and one from the four Gospels. All three focus on a united theme for the day.

God has not forgotten his people.

The eyes of the LORD watch over the righteous.

His ears listen to their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the LORD is set against those who do evil, to cut off memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears.

From all their distress he delivers them.

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted.

He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Persecutions are expected; God’s people are prepared by studying God’s Word.

But you have faithfully followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfast endurance, ¹¹ my persecutions, my sufferings—the kind that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, the kind of persecutions I endured—and the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² Indeed, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵ and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

Scripture readings are read from a lectern or from the pulpit. In either case, the furniture makes a visual display of the authority and power of God’s Word.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Galatians 2:20

M Alleluia. “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Alleluia.



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

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-5

Jesus explained that the bad things that happened to two groups of people weren't caused by their sins.

The large cross above the altar reminds us that Jesus and his work to save us is the central message of the Bible.

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too."

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *Credo*

C 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.

Traditionally called the Hauptlied (German for "main song" or "chief hymn"), this hymn reinforces the theme of the Gospel reading.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

What A Friend We Have In Jesus | 411

SERMON

Luke 13:1-5 *In the sermon, one of the Scriptures readings from the service is explained and applied to our lives.*

“Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?”

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 Praise You, O God | 609 (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 praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
 We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer;
 To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
 Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
 To you, our great Redeemer, fore’er be praise!**

One of the ways an individual supports, shares, and partners in the work of the congregation is through offerings freely and gladly given for God’s work.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

*Recorded in
Matthew 6 and
Luke 11, Jesus
taught his
disciples this
prayer as an
example of how
to pray.*

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.

HYMN

What God Ordains Is Always Good | 429

DEPARTING PRAYER

*We pray that the
blessings we have
received in
corporate
worship will go
with us as we
depart to serve
the Lord and our
neighbor in our
various vocations
all week long.*

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 Amen.

BLESSING

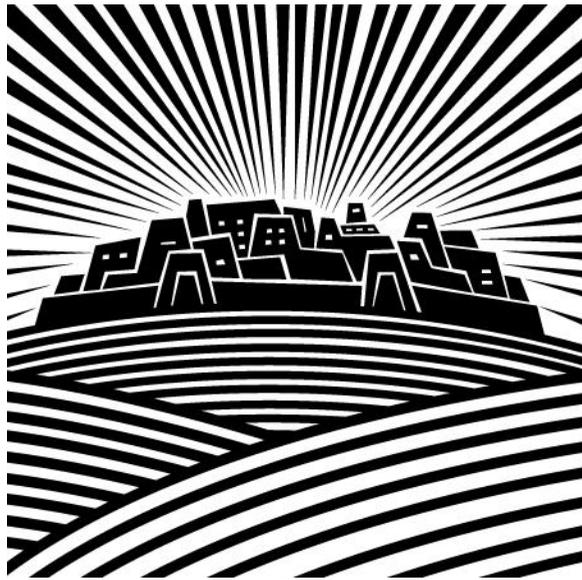
Numbers 6:22-27

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 Amen.

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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | 334



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