



TRUST IN GOD

Pentecost 9 July 22, 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

Joseph suffered when he did deserve it, and when he hadn’t done anything wrong. The whole time, God was with him and was blessing him. Joseph learned to trust God no matter what was happening in his life, and because he knew God’s love, care, and forgiveness, he was able to forgive even his treacherous brothers.

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

Preacher/Presiding MinisterPastor Pappenfuss
Musician - Martin..... Judy Kratovil
Head Usher - Martin..... Chad Kratovil

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The Divine Service

HYMN

In Hopelessness and Near Despair | **Tune 377**

In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!
My guilt is more than I can bear. I have not earned your favor.
You know me as I really am: How much is truth, how much is sham;
Why should you heed my pleading?

I see my heart's condition now, My heart's diverse affections.
Why do I love the things you loathe; I'm torn in two directions:
Now prodigal, now Pharisee. O God, be merciful to me;
Who else but you can help me?

I tremble as I feel your hand, Expecting retribution,
Yet hear no curse or reprimand, But grace and absolution:
With you there is forgiveness, Lord, You speak the sweet, consoling Word,
And I am sure you love me!

Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Grant me some time to render
A gift to glorify your name, Love to reflect your splendor:
This world must know what I have learned, That you bestow what none has
earned: The joy of full forgiveness!

The trinitarian invocation expressly reminds us that the God we meet here is the one true God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

C Amen.

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

*This ancient text,
Kyrie Eleison,
means "God,
have mercy."
Having received
God's greatest
gift of
forgiveness, we
also pray for the
needs of all
people*

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.

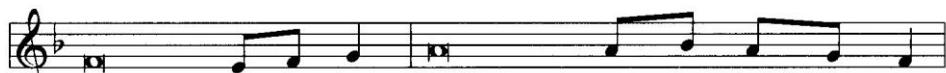
C **Lord, have mercy.**

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



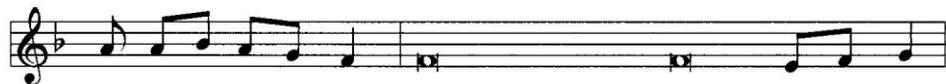
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

This song reflects the joy of the angels at the birth of the Savior and gives our triune God glory, praise, and thanks.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Prayer of the Day is a short, concisely-worded prayer that asks for a single blessing. It is based on the Scriptures readings for the day.

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace would always go before us and follow after us, that loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

Genesis 37:1-11

Joseph brags to his family about his dreams, and his brothers resent him for it.

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. ²These are the family records of Jacob.

Following each lesson, the pastor announces, "The Word of the Lord." God gives us his life-giving Gospel in his word. In response to God's gracious revelation, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."

At seventeen years of age, Joseph tended sheep with his brothers. The young man was working with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought a bad report about them to their father.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than his other sons because Joseph was a son born to him in his old age, and he made a robe of many colors for him. ⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not bring themselves to speak peaceably to him.

⁵Then Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷There we were, binding sheaves of grain in the field. Suddenly my sheaf stood up, and your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."

⁸"Are you really going to reign over us?" his brothers asked him. "Are you really going to rule us?" So they hated him even more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹Then he had another dream and told it to his brothers. "Look," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun, moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ He told his father and brothers, and his father rebuked him. "What kind of dream is this that you have had?" he said. "Am I and your mother and your brothers really going to come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING

Genesis 39:1-20

Joseph ends up being punished for doing the right thing.

Now Joseph had been taken to Egypt. An Egyptian named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and the captain of the guards, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, serving in the household of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made everything he did successful, ⁴ Joseph found favor with his master and became his personal attendant. Potiphar also put him in charge of his household and placed all that he owned under his authority. ⁵ From the time that he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph. The LORD's blessing was on all that he owned, in his house and in his fields. ⁶ He left all that he owned under Joseph's authority; he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome. ⁷ After some time his master's wife looked longingly at Joseph and said, "Sleep with me."

⁸ But he refused. "Look," he said to his master's wife, "with me here my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, and he has put all that he owns under my authority. ⁹ No one in this house is greater than I am. He has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. So how could I do this immense evil, and how could I sin against God?"

¹⁰ Although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her. ¹¹ Now one day he went into the house to do his work, and none of the household servants were there. ¹² She grabbed him by his garment and said, "Sleep with me!" But leaving his garment in her hand, he escaped and ran outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment with her and had run outside, ¹⁴ she called her

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.

household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “my husband brought a Hebrew man to make fools of us. He came to me so he could sleep with me, and I screamed as loud as I could. ¹⁵ When he heard me screaming for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside.”

¹⁶ She put Joseph’s garment beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him the same story: “The Hebrew slave you brought to us came to make a fool of me, ¹⁸ but when I screamed for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside.”

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him — “These are the things your slave did to me” — he was furious ²⁰ and had him thrown into prison, where the king’s prisoners were confined. So Joseph was there in prison.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 8:28

The Verse of the Day is a verse that encapsulates the focus for the Sunday, often well-known. It is bookended by joyful alleluias.

M Alleluia. “We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Alleluia.



THIRD READING

Genesis 41:25-40

Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams and is exalted to the 2nd highest position in Egypt.

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dreams mean the same thing. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years. The dreams mean the same thing. ²⁷ The seven thin, sickly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven worthless, scorched heads of grain are seven years of famine.

²⁸ “It is just as I told Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹ Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt. ³⁰ After them, seven years of famine will take place, and all the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten. The famine will devastate the land. ³¹ The abundance in the land will not be remembered because of the famine that follows it, for the famine will be very severe. ³² Since the dream was given twice to Pharaoh, it means that the matter has been determined by God, and he will carry it out soon.

³³“So now, let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴Let Pharaoh do this: Let him appoint overseers over the land and take a fifth of the harvest of the land of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. ³⁵Let them gather all the excess food during these good years that are coming. Under Pharaoh’s authority, store the grain in the cities, so they may preserve it as food. ³⁶The food will be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine that will take place in the land of Egypt. Then the country will not be wiped out by the famine.”

³⁷The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants, ³⁸and he said to them, “Can we find anyone like this, a man who has God’s spirit in him?” ³⁹So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one as discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰You will be over my house, and all my people will obey your commands. Only I, as king, will be greater than you.”

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.

Also called the confession of faith, the creed summarizes the main teaching of the true Christian faith and unites us with Christians of the past who have made these same confessions for centuries.

Joseph forgives his brothers and gives glory to God.

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said to one another, “If Joseph is holding a grudge against us, he will certainly repay us for all the suffering we caused him.”

God brings us good news through our called pastor, who explains and applies the Word of God.

¹⁶ So they sent this message to Joseph, “Before he died your father gave a command: ¹⁷ ‘Say this to Joseph: Please forgive your brothers’ transgression and their sin—the suffering they caused you.’ Therefore, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when their message came to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came to him, bowed down before him, and said, “We are your slaves!”

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?²⁰ You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people. ²¹ Therefore don’t be afraid. I will take care of you and your children.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

“Trust in God Makes Forgiveness Possible”

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.

Based on Psalm 51, we pray that God would use his word from the Scripture readings and sermon to renew our hearts

OFFERING

Chief of Sinners | 385 (3,5)

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.

**Only Jesus can impart Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

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

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.**

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

HYMN

How Firm A Foundation | 768

DEPARTING PRAYER

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.

The service both begins and ends with the name of the Triune God.

C Amen.

This blessing has been used to bless God's people since God instructed Aaron to bless the Israelites this way, about 3,500 years ago.

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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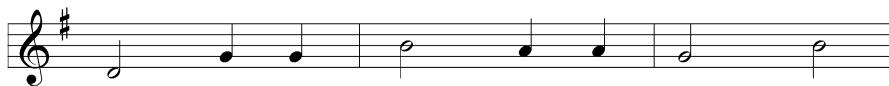
Go My Children | 332



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your
 not dis - mayed; For I am your
 for re - pose I will not, I
 way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
 God and will still give you aid; I'll
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



more can he say than to you
 strength - en you, help you, and cause
 soul, though all hell should en - deav -
 flames will not hurt you; I on -
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -



he has said Who un - to the
 you to stand, Up - held by my
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
 ly de - sign Your dross to con -
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 sume and your gold to re - fine.
 still on my shoul - ders be borne."

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