

26th Sunday after Pentecost
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8:00 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

The Reading of the Day is from Mark 10:13-16. Following Jesus' discussion of marriage, adultery, and divorce early in the tenth chapter of his Gospel, Mark shifts into this story about parents and children. (Luke lowers the age even more: "Now they were bringing even infants to Him" [18:15].) Mark writes that the parents wanted Jesus to "touch them" (10:13), and Matthew records that the parents desired Jesus to "lay His hands on them and pray" (19:13). In the following story about the rich young man who cannot say good-bye to his wealth (Mark 10:17-31), we see a stark contrast to these children. The young man won't let go of his reliance on worldly wealth, whereas the children receive Him who is the true God and Savior.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: LSB 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 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.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

People: Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: We have not loved You with our whole heart, We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; We repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 128 Antiphon: verse 1

Pastor: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,

People: who walk in obedience to him.

Pastor: You will eat the fruit of your labor;
People: blessings and prosperity will be yours.

Pastor: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
People: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Pastor: Yes, this will be the blessing
People: for the man who fears the Lord.

Pastor: May the Lord bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
People: May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
People: who walk in obedience to him.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.
People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People (sing): Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set
us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing,
and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all
creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Heavenly Father, as spiritual children, we need Your protection, care, and nourishment. Thank You for sending Your only-begotten Son to be our brother and to reveal You to us. Feed us with Your Word as we study it, strengthen our faith, and grant us always to have a childlike desire to come to You; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

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Reading of the Day: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children

come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Reader: This is the gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 863 Our Father, by Whose Name

- 1 Our Father, by whose name
All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim
Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child
Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled,
Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev’ry place
That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind
Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find
The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev’ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

THE SERMON

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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 on 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 will 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 worshiped 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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising you and singing:

People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

People (sing): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 594

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 605 Father Welcomes

Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin.
Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

- 2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again.
Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.
- 2 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God.
Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

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COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 643

Sent Fourth by God's Blessings

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 461 (verse 1-3, 8)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: Streets of Bethlehem

SEND OFF

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening
the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!