



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 2020, 10:30am

Prelude

“God Himself Is Present” (arr. Cherwien and Peeters)

Welcome and introduction of the theme of the day.

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

Connecting with God – Practicing our Faith

In you, O God, we find stillness. In stillness, we know that you are God. As we practice silence in your name,

Keep us in your grace

In our homes and as we gather, you, O God, nourish us in scripture, in the words of the faith, with your Word of life. As we practice reading your Word in your name,

Keep us in your grace

We make a joyful noise to you, O God, and all the earth breaks into joyous songs of praise.
Tune us to the rhythms of your love. As we practice hearing and making music in your name,

Keep us in your grace

You, O God, have taught us to pray in your hallowed name. In gratitude, in need, and for all the world we come to you with our whole selves and our prayers, listening for your Holy Spirit. As we practice prayer in your name,

Keep us in your grace

Faith without works is a static faith. O God, when we feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned, and welcome the unwelcome, we are doing the same for you. As we practice giving and serving in your name,

Keep us in your grace

Prayer of the Day

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, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lesson

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Psalm

Psalm 119:97-105

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your teaching! All the day long it is in my mind.

⁹⁸Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

¹⁰⁰I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

Gospel Acclamation

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"
⁹Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'
¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Scripture & God's Living Word"

Pastor Kent Stillson

Some seeds fell into good soil,
and when it grew,
it produced a hundredfold.
(Let anyone with ears to hear, listen!)
Luke 8:8

Hymn of the Day

“Thy Word”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: Denise Schmahl, Willie Selzler, Karla Stimson,
Bev Owen, Drake Rounds,
Barb Iverson, *friend of Ken & Renae Madison*
Rodger Gross, *friend of Bill & Cathy Zubke*
Donna Keiser, *step-mother of Caryn Isaacson*
MaryAnn McAtee, *mother of Anne (Heath) Rylance*
Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*
Del Bren, *father of Heather Rasmussen*

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Sending

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Festival March (Handel)

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Serving Sunday Morning

Organist: AJ Sherrill

Singer:

Sound & Projection: Darrin VanMeter

Summer Sermon Series

Connecting with God: Practicing our Faith
will continue next week with our focus on Music.