



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020

AS WE GATHER: During our summer sermon series, *You're in Good Hands - The Miracles of Jesus*, we will explore the miracles of Jesus and how the wonders He performed attest to His divinity. Jesus' boundless love and compassion for people are evident in His desire to free them from their bondage. We will study how Jesus' absolute authority and power over nature, disease, death, the devil confirm to all that He is indeed the Messiah and the Son of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #524 *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 And drives away our fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
 And calms the heart's unrest;
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul
 And to the weary, rest.

- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding place;
 My never-failing treasury filled
 With boundless stores of grace.

- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,
 My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 Accept the praise I bring.

- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 28

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I call;

People: My Rock, be not deaf to me,

Pastor: Lest, if you be silent to me,

People: I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,

People: When I cry to you for help!

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD!

People: For He has heard the voice of my pleas for
mercy.

Pastor: The LORD is my Strength and my Shield;

People: In Him my heart trusts, and I am helped.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call
upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider
our unworthiness and confess before God and one
another that we have sinned in thought, word,
and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from
our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us
take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our
heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of
Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a
sinner.

People: Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice
of my pleas for mercy. Almighty God, have
mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us
to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #867 *“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”*

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
 Which God performed of old,
 Which in our younger days we saw,
 And which our parents told.
- 2 So make to them His glories known,
 His works of pow’r and grace;
 And we’ll convey His wonders down
 Through ev’ry rising race.
- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
 And they again to theirs
 That generations yet unborn
 May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 O teach them with all diligence
 The truths of God’s own Word,
 To place in Him their confidence,
 To fear and trust their Lord,
- 5 To learn that in our God alone
 Their hope securely stands,
 That they may never doubt His love
 But walk in His commands.

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SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, You are a good and perfect God who does all things well,
People: Grant that by faith in Your Son who did Your will perfectly, we would have forgiveness and life;

Pastor: Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Can You Hear Me Now?"

SECOND READING

John 10: 27-30

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me,^[a] is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus^[a] charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON **The Miracles of Jesus:**
“You’re In Good Hands: Jesus Heals a Deaf Man”
Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#545

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
 Living rain from heav’n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
 Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav’n to die,
 Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
 Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.

4 Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above,
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, "To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me."

O Lord, like those of whom the prophet Isaiah wrote, we too often have anxious hearts. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we might be strong and fear not. Let us take You up on Your gracious invitation to cast all our anxieties on You because You care for us. To You, O Lord, I call;
People: my rock, be not deaf to me.

Pastor: O Lord, You admonish us to show no partiality. Give us the desire to show love to and welcome all people into our midst, regardless of outward appearances. To You, O Lord, I call;

People: my rock, be not deaf to me.

Pastor: O Lord, Your Son, Jesus Christ, cast out demons and gave hearing to the deaf. Grant that we trust in Your will today for healing and restoration. We ask that, according to Your will, You would lay Your hand upon those who are need of healing. To You, O Lord, I call;

People: **my rock, be not deaf to me.**

Pastor: O Lord, You have done all things well. You pronounced all things as good at the creation of the world. Give us wisdom and resources to care for Your creation as faithful stewards of Your gifts to us. To You, O Lord, I call;

People: **my rock, be not deaf to me.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #832

"Jesus Shall Reign"

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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