



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 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 #906

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

- 1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
The triune God confess.
- 2 This day at earth's creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious
A threefold light was giv'n.
- 3 This day, God's people meeting,
His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting,
Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving,
On this blest day of light.

4 That light our hope sustaining,
 We walk the pilgrim way,
 At length our rest attaining,
 Our endless Sabbath day.
 We sing to Thee our praises,
 O Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Church her voice upraises
 To Thee, blest Three in One.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 31

Pastor: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be
 put to shame;

People: **In your righteousness deliver me!**

Pastor: Be a rock of refuge for me,

People: **A strong fortress to save me!**

Pastor: I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,

People: **Because you have seen my affliction;**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD,

People: **For He has wondrously shown His steadfast love
 to me**

Pastor: You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy,

People: **When I cried to you for help.**

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: **All you who wait for the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
 and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful
 and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us
 from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

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: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

#811, vs. 1,4,5

“Oh that I had a Thousand Voices”

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

- 4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

- 5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Galatians 3:1-9

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer¹ so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith,

though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

“Alleluia”

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:1-10

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him.³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant.⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him,⁵ for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."⁶ And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.⁷ Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed.⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."¹⁰ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Simon Says" Pastor Jeff

SERMON You're in Good Hands - The Miracles of Jesus
"Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant"
Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#842

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,

King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the Church
and her witness of hope to the world, that in
every city, village and home across the globe the
voice of the Lord may be heard by the faithful
preaching of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor in the fields of the Lord today
and for the Lord to raise up laborers for His
harvest fields, that their work may be blessed and
they may be protected and defended against the
enemies of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who live under the flag of our nation, for those who govern in this country, and for the causes of peace and justice, that we may all be given grace and freedom to serve the Lord honorably and in accord with His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the poor and hungry, the homeless and unemployed, and the oppressed, that the Lord would grant them mercy, and that we may help to relieve their suffering and want, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, that the Lord would grant them healing; for the wounded in spirit, that the Lord would make them whole; and for the grieving, that the Lord would comfort them, especially all affected by the ongoing pandemic and its effects, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the dying, that they may have peace at the last; and for our grateful remembrance of all those who have died in Christ, that in the fullness of time the Lord may bring us with them into His everlasting presence where sin and death will trouble us no more, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: O blessed Lord, You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sufferings and death, He has redeemed us sinners from our sins, and by His resurrection He has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your own people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

#917

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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