



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 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 #686 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
 Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 8

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all
the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Pastor: When I look at Your heavens, the work of
Your fingers,

People: The moon and the stars, which You have set in
place,

Pastor: What is man that You are mindful of him,
People: And the son of man that You care for him?

Pastor: Yet You have made him a little lower than the
heavenly beings

People: And crowned him with glory and honor.

Pastor: You have given him dominion over the works of
Your hands;

People: You have put all things under his feet;

Pastor: All sheep and oxen,

People: And also the beasts of the field,

Pastor: The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

People: Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord,

People: How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You. Almighty God,

People: **Captive to sin, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: Our fear has kept us from hearing and responding to Your call.

People: **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: Our speaking of the Gospel has sometimes lacked clarity or passion.

People: **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: Our fears have revealed the lesser gods we pursue.

People: **Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 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

#790, vs. 1,4,5

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises
before Him!
Let the Amen, Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your
Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost.
Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear
His call and to follow Him by faith that we may
feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now
and forever.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:20-23

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Gone Fishing!"

Miss Heidi

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when

they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

SERMON You're in Good Hands - The Miracles of Jesus
"The Catch!"
Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)
#826 "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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

SOLO "Here I Am, Lord" Hannah Bronner

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will give My word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Having heard God's call to follow Jesus, let us bring before Him the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves.

For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body, that those who receive the call to preach do it well by the power of the Holy Spirit, that all who are called to ministry tasks fulfill our callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ, that missionaries called to various places in the world, speak the Gospel with clarity and live in ways that draw people to following Christ, Holy God,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For nations throughout the world, that governments and leaders strive for peace among nations, that care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten, that those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well, that those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ, that we and our enemies become reconciled, Holy God,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our local community, that businesses flourish for the good of all, that workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God, that those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them, that corruption and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase, Holy God,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our church community, that those who are sick, experience healing according to God's will, that those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God's promise never to leave them nor forsake them, that our elders and council lead us not only to consider our own needs, but also the needs of others, that the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love, that we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst, Holy God,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from the labors of this life, that as they heard the call to follow Jesus and

received His forgiveness and mercy, so we, too,
live in the mercy of Christ now and into all
eternity, Holy God,
People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: These, and all of our prayers that remain
unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend
to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You
love us, and You desire our well-being; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

#930, vs. 1,2,4,6 *"All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"*

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,
Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain

Refrain: Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

2 Sing, you sun and you moon above,
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain

4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth,
All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: Refrain

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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