

## Divine Service Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### The Opening Hymn: 912 ss 1-3

1 Christ is our corner-stone, on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone the courts of heav’n are filled:  
on his great love our hopes we place  
of present grace and joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav’n the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once giv’n, be with us evermore,  
until that day when all the blest  
to endless rest are called away.

3 O then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall  
ring;  
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;  
and thus proclaim in joyful song,  
both loud and long, that glorious name.

### The Invocation

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

CONG: Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a  
true heart and confess our sins to God our  
Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD  
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

### The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the  
LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we  
poor sinners confess to you that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean and that we have  
sinned against you by thought, word, and deed;  
therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless  
mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the  
sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your  
only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on  
us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our  
sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true  
knowledge of you and of your will and true  
obedience to your Word, to the end that by your  
grace we may come to everlasting life; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### The Absolution

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.

CONG: Amen.

## **The Introit of the Day** Ps 103:8, 15-19

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

## **Gloria Patri**

**CONG:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Kyrie**

**CONG:** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

**CONG:** Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have

mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect**

**PASTOR:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**CONG:** Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-5

1 Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.  
5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

**The Gradual** Rom. 11:33, 36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of  
God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable  
his ways! 36 For from him and through him and to him are all  
things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**The Epistle:** Romans 9:1-5

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my  
conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—  
2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.  
3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from  
Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the  
flesh.  
4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the  
glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the  
promises.  
5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race,  
according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all,  
blessed forever. Amen.

**The Verse** Isaiah 48

Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the  
word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a  
boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds  
heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.  
14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had  
compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and  
said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send  
the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for  
themselves.”

16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them  
something to eat.”

17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two  
fish.”

18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and  
taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven  
and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them  
to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up  
twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides  
women and children.

**Choir:** “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide;  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.

2 In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent,  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.

4 May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,

Spurn Satan that Your church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

### **The Nicene Creed** (We Confess Together)

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 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.

### **The Sermon Hymn:** 427 ss. 1-4

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me,  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

### **The Sermon:** "The Care of His Cross"

Matt. 14:13-21

### **The Offertory**

**CONG:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

## **The Closing Hymn:** 575 ss. 1-4

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## **The 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.

**CONG:** Amen.

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