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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 17, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we invite you to join us every week as part of God's family in worship.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” (tune TLH #300)

1. Dearest Jesus, at your word, We have come again to hear you; Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, And in glowing faith be near you. As the promises here given, Draw us wholly up to heaven.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight; Lie in deepest darkness shrouded. Till your Spirit breaks the night, Filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living. Come but by your gracious giving.
3. Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of light from God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light; Help our hearing, speaking, heeding. That our prayers and songs may please you. As with grateful hearts we praise you.
4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Praise to you and adoration! Grant us what we need the most; Your blest Gospel's consolation. While we here on earth await you. Till in heav'n with praise we greet you. (C. Concordia Publishing House Used by permission)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

- P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C. BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

P. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C. 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.

ABSOLUTION

PSALM READING: (From Psalm 27)

- P. One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,
C. THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO GAZE UPON THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD AND TO SEEK HIM IN HIS TEMPLE.
P. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
C. HE WILL HIDE ME IN THE SHELTER OF HIS TABERNACLE AND SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK.
P. then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
C. AT HIS TABERNACLE WILL IS SACRIFICE WITH SHOUTS OF JOY; I WILL SING AND MAKE JUSIC TO THE LORD.

HYMN OF PRAISE: (*Sung, LW p. 161*)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

7 O LORD, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. 9 But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. 10 I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." 11 But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. 12 O LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. 13 Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:12-15

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— 13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. 15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

RESPONSE:

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. ALLELUIA. LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:24-33

24 "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! 26 "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. 28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of

your Father. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. 32 "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

SONG: "There is a Redeemer" (Is 59:20-21)

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son; And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (*Chorus*)

3. When I stand in glory I will see His face, and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (*Chorus*)

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SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH: "The Nicene Creed"

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 worshipped 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 OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)

PRAYERS

REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P. We pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What does this mean?

C. THE GOOD AND GRACIOUS WILL OF GOD IS DONE EVEN WITHOUT OUR PRAYER, BUT WE PRAY IN THIS PETITION THAT IT MAY BE DONE AMONG US ALSO.

P. What is the good and gracious will of God?

C. IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT HIS NAME BE KEPT HOLY AND THAT HIS KINGDOM COME, THAT IS, THAT HIS WORD BE TAUGHT CORRECTLY AND THAT SINNERS BE BROUGHT TO FAITH IN CHRIST AND LEAD GODLY LIVES.

P. Whose will and plans are opposed to the will of God?

C. THE DEVIL, THE WORLD, AND OUR OWN SINFUL NATURE OPPOSE THE GOOD AND GRACIOUS WILL OF GOD.

P. Why do we pray that the will of God be done?

C. WE KNOW THAT THE WILL OF GOD WILL ALWAYS BE DONE, BUT WE WANT GOD'S GOOD AND GRACIOUS WILL TO BE DONE IN OUR LIVES.

P. How is God's will done in our lives?

C. GOD'S WILL IS DONE WHEN HE BREAKS AND HINDERS THE PLANS OF THE DEVIL, THE WORLD, AND OUR SINFUL NATURE WHICH TRY TO DESTROY OUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS; WHEN HE STRENGTHENS AND KEEPS US FIRM IN HIS WORD AND FAITH AND HELPS US LEAD GOD-PLEASING LIVES; AND WHEN HE SUPPORTS US IN ALL OUR TROUBLES UNTIL WE DIE.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN: #309 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION: *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is*

compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE: *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness. In loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son in the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also ask that You would rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to serve you constantly, to the glory and honor of Your holy name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG: "We Will Glorify"

("I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever." Psalm 86:12)

1. We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; We will glorify the Lord of lords, for He is the great I Am.
2. Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; We will bow before his throne. We will worship him in righteousness; We will worship him alone.
3. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live. He is Lord above the universe; All praise to him we give.
4. Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb. Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JULY:

July 24th, and 31st – 10:30 Service