

*Together With Faith We Can:
Connect, Grow and Serve*



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30

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Prelude

Opening Hymn 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1 **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear -
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2 **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged - take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 **Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

Invocation

V In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

V 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.**

Confession of Sins

V 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

V In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

V Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

V Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 33:1-11

R Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. ² He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. ³ He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. ⁵ Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant."

⁶ Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down.

⁷ Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

⁸ Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?" "To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said.

⁹ But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself."

¹⁰ "No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. ¹¹ Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need." And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 4:20-21

R ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5: 23-24; 18:15-17

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth and eighteenth chapters.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

A ²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

**1 Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift that You impart.**

**2 Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**4 Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.**

Sermon

Dedication of Lutheran World Relief Quilts

Nicene Creed

- C 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.**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- C 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

- V 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.**
- C Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Jesu, Jesu"

**ref Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

- 1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out Himself for them. Refrain**

- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
Neighbors are nearby and far away. Refrain**
- 3 These are the ones we will serve; these are the ones we will love;
All these are neighbors to us and You. Refrain**
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
This is the way we will live with You. Refrain**

Postlude

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Please pray for: Lily Stevenson, daughter of Kyle Stevenson, still hospitalized at DeVos Children's Hospital for treatment of a head injury.

Members continuing medical care, undergoing treatment or in need of prayer: Arnie and Pat Abrelat, Pat Brady, Terry Carlson, Kathy Cooper, Angi and Cassidy Gibbs, Betty Havermans, Brenda Hoisington, Jan Larabee, Larry Miller, Sally Mitchell, Sue Neuman, Norbert Scholle, Jill Sorensen and Karen VanOeffelen.

Pray for St. Mark members who reside in assisted living facilities: Margaret Boehm at Christian Care Memory Unit, and Lizz VanNoordwyk at American House.

Please pray for family and friends:

Deb Guilbault, sister-in-law of Tami Sheehy

Sue Swanson, sister, and **Carol Weaver**, friend of Carolyn Bickmeyer

Vivian Hayes, sister-in-law of Linda Hayes and Pam Bruining

Amanda Cortes, daughter of Tony and Jean Hladki

Nathan Erickson, son of Lee and Beth Erickson

Sandra Stuemke, sister of Larry and Gloria Miller

Huck Breen, brother-in-law, and **Olivia Gillespie**, friend of Gary and Kathleen Schottke

Robert Council, son of Carolyn Council and brother of Becky Council and Belinda (Bruce) Schouten

Jody Hoppus, sister of Jim (Melinda) Hoppus

Caleb Sheldon, grandson of Al and Mary Sheldon

Joy Chalko, sister, and **Gary Monson**, brother-in-law of Renee Schaab

Sheila Bluhm, daughter of Lois Bluhm

Janet and Cliff Havey, sister and brother-in-law of Larry and Cindy Bolduc

Colleen Whittaker, sister of Mike (Gail) Whittaker

Roger Miller, cousin of Larry (Gloria) Miller, Kay (Tim) Schouten and Jean (Tony) Hladki

Julie Jurrians, daughter, and **Barb Ruckle**, niece of Carol (Mike) Sutton

William and Jonie Guerne, grandson and daughter-in-law of Dick (Lynne) Guerne

Roger Kroes, husband, and **Doris Franks**, sister of Ardy Bulthouse

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Pastor Anthony Sikora, former Pastor in Dewitt of Steve and Holly Lowney

***Patti**, sister of Cherié (Duane) Wentzloff

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