

July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Thanks
be to **God**
through
Jesus Christ
our
LORD!

◆ Romans 7:25 ◆

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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AS WE GATHER

In today's Epistle, Paul is brutally honest—perhaps we could call him wretchedly honest—about his struggle with sin. He speaks for all of us when he admits, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing" (Romans 7:19). This is the struggle of every baptized Christian, walking through life as both a saint and a sinner at the same time. The good things we do, the praises we sing, or the offerings we bring can never overcome this struggle with sin. It can only be overcome in Christ Jesus, who took our wretchedness upon Himself when He died on the cross. In today's service, we will receive the benefits of Jesus' saving work and be able to see how even the wretched are blessed through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hope of the Nations"

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Jesus, hope of the nations.
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn.
You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth.

Jesus, light in the darkness.
Jesus truth in each circumstance.
You are the source of Heaven's light on earth.

In history, You lived and died,
You broke the chains, You rose to life.

You are the hope living in us.
You are the rock in whom we trust.

You are the light
Shining for all the world to see.

You rose from the dead conquering fear,
Our prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive.
Lord, we believe.

[Repeat entire song]

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 33:1-5*

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

People: **it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD with the harp;

People: **make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Pastor: Sing to him a new song;

People: **play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

Pastor: For the word of the LORD is right and true;

People: **he is faithful in all he does.**

All: ***The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.***

HYMN

"Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored"

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Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored,
Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord,
God of nations, King of kings,
Head of all created things,
By the Church with joy confessed,
God the Son forever blessed,
Pleading at your throne we stand,
Save your people, bless our land.

On our fields of grass and grain
Send, O Lord, the kindly rain,
And throughout this spacious land
Crown the labors of each hand.
Let your kind protection be
Over commerce on the sea.
Open, Lord, your bounteous hand;
Bless your people, bless our land.

Give us rulers faithful, true,
Such as love and honor you;
Let the powers you ordained
Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people's hearts increase
Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand
One wide, free, and happy land.

THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG (Drive-In Only)

People: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24*

Pastor: By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.)

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I am a sinner and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I want to serve God with all my heart and mind but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different. Is there no one who can do anything for me?"

Pastor: Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light, who has promised that we will find rest for our souls, when we are weary, strengthen our resolve; when disheartened, lift our spirits; and when opposed on all sides, surround us with Your strong love, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

EPISTLE: *Romans 7:14–25a*

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ I can anticipate the response that is coming: “I know that all God’s commands are spiritual, but I’m not. Isn’t this also your experience?” Yes. I’m full of myself—after all, I’ve spent a long time in sin’s prison. What I don’t understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can’t be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God’s command is necessary.

¹⁷⁻²⁰ But I need something *more*! For if I know the law but still can’t keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don’t have what it takes. I can will it, but I can’t *do* it.

I decide to do good, but I don’t *really* do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don’t result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.

²¹⁻²³ It happens so regularly that it’s predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.

²⁴ I’ve tried everything and nothing helps. I’m at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn’t that the real question?

²⁵ The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 11:25–30*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

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Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

SERMON: "A Catch-22?" *Romans 7:15-25*

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

Pastor: We pray for the Church, that the message of salvation be proclaimed joyfully throughout all the world and that those who faithfully share the Gospel and who live it out in their lives know blessing and contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that all would know times of peace and security. Grant that the leaders of our nation be given wisdom and courage, that they seek the well-being of all people in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for all workers in the Church,. By their devoted service in response to their calling, grant that faith and faithfulness abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our nation .We give You special thanks for all those who serve in the military, in medical professions, as educators, and as emergency personnel. Grant that we live out our citizenship with dedication and gratitude. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor : (Special Petitions)

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 with rest and keep you in His care.
The Lord make His face shine on you and invigorate you for service in His name.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace today and always.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one,
Lay down thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

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