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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift Service T July 5, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Opening Song:

“10,000 Reasons”

by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin."*

Psalms 32:5b NIV

P Do you confess to Almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner who has sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed and therefore justly deserve His present and eternal punishment? If so, answer, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has lived a holy life, satisfying all the demands of God's holy Law for you, and died, shedding His blood for you upon the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, answer, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P Do you ask God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus, to be gracious and merciful to you? If so, answer, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *John 20:21,23 NIV*

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness:

LSB # 570:1, 5-6

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

God's Gift of His Word

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

By ourselves we are spiritually dead. By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.

However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.

He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:

“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”

Old Testament Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-12

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Zechariah writes:]

[The oracle of the word of the Lord:] ...Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Romans 7:14-25a

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 11:25-30

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day:

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

LSB # 565

This hymn will be sung to an alternate melody – LSB # 912 "Christ Is the Cornerstone"

Sermon:

"God Help Me!"

Romans 7:14-25a

Apostles' Creed

P We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C 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.

Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For the healthy birth of Calvin Arthur Tegtmeier, son of Luther and Julia, on Friday, June 26, at 9:30 am.
- For the Graduation of this year's Eighth Graders on Sunday, June 28. Those in bold also confirmed their Christian faith that morning. Brady Thomsen was also baptized as part of the confirmation service. GERALYN Anderson, Aaron Cheatham, Drew Dunlap, Alexander Hawbaker, Kennedy Rice Larimer, Nadia Powell, Dylan Rains, Nolan Rains, Abigail Regalado, Dalton Schoen, Lydia Schwaller, Mateya Speltz, and Brady Thomsen. Isaac Speltz also confirmed his faith on the 28th, and Madeline Leyhe did so on the 21st.
- For the Blessings of God upon and through our Nation as we celebrate its independence.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Joe Fountain, a former MtO teacher who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He has completed radiation and will soon start chemotherapy.
- Those infected with COVID-19.
- Ian Thompson; Dale Foltman; Joan Koch's brother, Bill - cancer; John Light's girlfriend – in a nursing home due to health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Pat Davison; Kathryn Sprecher; & Pastor Jim Stogdill.

Prayer for relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and all its resultant consequences.

Prayer for Becky Grossman (Luther Tegtmeier's aunt) and her Lutheran Bible Translators team who have been experiencing Internet access issues which is interfering with their translation work in Africa.

Prayer for Christians around the world who are being persecuted and even martyred for the sake of Jesus' name and the Christian Faith.

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Prayers for our Country:

- In view of the pandemic.
- In view of civil unrest.
- In view of the approaching campaign and election.

Prayers for Mt. Olive and its Ministries:

- God's guidance & blessings on our ongoing online services and drive thru Communion
- God's guidance & blessings on our upcoming virtual Vacation Bible School (July 20-24) and for many to participate.
- God's help & blessings for members of our School community:
 - N JC Bryant and her son Jayden
 - N JoAnne Knoops & Michael Carey and their son Joshua
 - N Traci Gordon and her son Damion
 - N Thong & Alex Tran and their children – Anncie & Nydene
 - N Gloria & German Miranda and their son Jeremiah
- God's guidance & blessings on our church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation & school, and that others would be prayerfully led to join them in the Lord's service.
- That God would show each of us ways to pray for and to reach out to others in Jesus' name where we live, work, and play.

The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed. We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,
so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...*

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

– 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

You are encouraged to continue regularly giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord either online at www.molcs.org/church or by mailing them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave, Des Moines IA 50310 or bringing them to one of our drive through Communion services.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO drive through Communion this weekend (7/4 & 5).

The remaining Two drive through Communion services will be held

NEXT Sunday, July 12 & Saturday July 18.

We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting the Lord's work during this challenging time.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P We join in the Collect Prayer of the Day:

C Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Final Prayer

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and
that we may be fully restored to newness of life
through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Closing Song:

“Whom Shall I Fear”

by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Scott Cash

Announcements and Postlude

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As you leave His Service today,
*God wants you to be assured that ALL your sins have been forgiven
and that He has declared you to be His holy, beloved child,
an heir of an eternal, never-ending relationship with Him.*

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