



CROWN OF LIFE | LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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9th Sunday of Pentecost

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A Service of Worship and Praise

-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-

Opening Hymn: R451 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PLEASE STAND

Minister says: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation says: And also with you.

-Introduction to Worship-

M: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

C: Your mercies are new every morning.

M: Guide our steps by the light of your word.

C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

M: Better than life is your love.

C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

-We Prepare Our Hearts-

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I know that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Forgive my sins and change my life.

We sing: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always living in me!

M: Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, it is my privilege to declare to you that your sins are forgiven. You are a dear child of God. Let's praise His name.

We sing: *No Other Name But the Name of Jesus*

Chorus: No other name, but the name of Jesus
No other name, but the name of the Lord
No other name but the name of Jesus
Is worthy of glory, And worthy of honor
And worthy of power and all praise!

His name is exalted far above the earth;
His name is high above the heavens.
His name is exalted far above the earth;
Give glory and honor and praise unto His name.

Chorus

-We Pray Together-

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

M: He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber

C: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life.

C: The LORD will watch over my coming and going, both now and forevermore. AMEN.

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-We Listen to God's Word-

FIRST LESSON: *1 Kings 12:1-15*

12 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone there to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard this (he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), he returned from Egypt. ³So they sent for Jeroboam, and he and the whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: ⁴"Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you."

⁵Rehoboam answered, "Go away for three days and then come back to me." So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. "How would you advise me to answer these people?" he asked.

⁷ They replied, "If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants."

⁸ But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him. ⁹ He asked them, "What is your advice? How should we answer these people who say to me, 'Lighten the yoke your father put on us'?"

¹⁰ The young men who had grown up with him replied, "These people have said to you, 'Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but make our yoke lighter.' Now tell them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. ¹¹ My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.'"

¹² Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam, as the king had said, "Come back to me in three days."

¹³ The king answered the people harshly. Rejecting the advice given him by the elders, ¹⁴ he followed the advice of the young men and said, "My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions." ¹⁵ So the king did not listen to the people, for this turn of events was from the LORD, to fulfill the word the LORD had spoken to Jeroboam son of Nebat through Ahijah the Shilonite.

We Sing: *Thy Word*

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way
Still, You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be with me to the end.

Refrain

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: *Proverbs 12:5-15*

- ⁵ The plans of the righteous are just,
but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
- ⁶ The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
but the speech of the upright rescues them.
- ⁷ The wicked are overthrown and are no more,
but the house of the righteous stands firm.
- ⁸ A person is praised according to their prudence,
and one with a warped mind is despised.
- ⁹ Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant
than pretend to be somebody and have no food.
- ¹⁰ The righteous care for the needs of their animals,
but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
- ¹¹ Those who work their land will have abundant food,
but those who chase fantasies have no sense.
- ¹² The wicked desire the stronghold of evildoers,
but the root of the righteous endures.
- ¹³ Evildoers are trapped by their sinful talk,
and so the innocent escape trouble.

14 From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things,
and the work of their hands brings them reward.

15 The way of fools seems right to them,
but the wise listen to advice.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-34

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: *O Father of Glory, Now Grant Unto Me*

1. O Fath - er of glo - ry, now grant un - to me A spir - it of wis - dom, a spir - it to
see; O give un - to me the full knowledge of Him, En - light 'ning the eyes of my heart deep with - in.

[2] O show me that Christ is the hope of Thy call—
O glorious hope, Christ will fill all in all!
Reveal Him—the riches of glory in us—
As God's own inheritance. How glorious!

[3] O God of our Lord Jesus, let me perceive
Th' exceeding great pow'r unto us who believe,
The power that raised Christ, Thy Son, from the dead
And made Him o'er all, to His Body, the Head.

[4] O God, Thou hast wrought all this pow'r into Christ,
Who now lives in me as my Person, my life.
O grant revelation, dear Father, to see
This transcending pow'r is a Person in me.

[5] O Christ is the hope, He's the glory and power;
So Christ I must take as my Person each hour.
Then in me such power will be exercised,
My hope and God's glory will be realized.

Sermon: *Way of the Wise* Part 4: Accept Advice
Proverbs 18:2

² Fools find no pleasure in understanding
but delight in airing their own opinions.

PLEASE STAND

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

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Offering: *Instrumental*

Prayers: *The Lord's Prayer*

THE SACRAMENT

M: Our Lord has given us a holy Supper in which we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of His redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim His death until He returns.

C: Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

We sing: *Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty*

Refrain: Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forevermore.

Father in heaven, how we love you;
We lift your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
as your people declare Your mighty works.

Refrain

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

C: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

FOR ALL OF US: Paul instructed in I Cor. 11:28: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." Questions like these help us examine ourselves:

- Am I sorry for my sin?
- Do I trust that Jesus has lived and died to save me from my sin?
- Do I believe that Jesus's body and blood are truly present to assure me of forgiveness?
- Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God pleasing life?

WELS and ELS members may come and receive Christ's body and blood. Proceed up the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

***FOR OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS:** You may find that we regard Holy Communion with much greater seriousness than most churches today. The Bible teaches that communion is, among other things, a public statement of intimate unity and spiritual agreement with a church's teachings. Therefore, if you are unaware or unclear about what we teach and believe, you will want to compare your own beliefs with ours before communing with us. We are eager to establish this fellowship with you and look forward to your inquiry on how to enter into fellowship! Pastor Kramer is happy and ready to speak with you!*

Distribution Hymn: B680 *Taste and See*

Thanksgiving Hymn: *I Exalt Thee*

For thou O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

For thou O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord
I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord.

C: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.

Closing Hymn: R431 *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

| Serving at CoL: | Today | Next Sunday |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Music | Karis | Katherine |
| Ushers | | <i>This Could Be You</i> |
| Reader | Edward, Jr. | Elijah |
| Altar | | <i>This Could Be You</i> |
| Refreshments | | <i>This Could Be You</i> |
| Cleaning | | <i>This Could Be You</i> |
| Mowing | | <i>This Could Be You</i> |

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 PM Bible Class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89831357274>
 Thursday 10:30 AM Bible Class at Summerhouse, Slidell
 Sunday 10 AM Bible Class, Sunday School; 11 AM Worship

Birthdays

10 Edward Jefferson
 10 Carol Sternhagen
 12 Tyrone Schultz
 29 Clem Martin

Anniversaries

29 Beth & Michael Phelps
 31 Gretchen & Lee McKinney



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
 II Corinthians 9:7*

