

## **OUR WORSHIP TODAY November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

### **CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

Lord, 500 years ago your people stood up for what they believed, One Word, One Grace, One Faith, and One Christ – to God be the Glory. By our own reason and strength, we know we are not worthy of the grace of your forgiveness, Lord. We know you do not favor one of us over another of us, but you love us equally in your sight. For the burden of our sins, and to receive the gift of your forgiveness, we know we need to confess our sins before you, Almighty God:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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. 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**

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray and celebrate our Easter joy in His Holy Name. **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN - #461 – Just a Closer Walk with Thee – 3 vs**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):**

**Lord Jesus, we strive to do what is pleasing in your eyes. Thank you for your gift of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In Your Name we pray. Amen.**

**Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.**

### **FIRST LESSON: English Standard Version (ESV)**

**Old Testament Lesson, Ezekiel 16:4; 36:25; 36:33; 37:23**

And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

“Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt.

They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 51 English Standard Version (ESV)**

*Spoken Antiphonally – whole verse by whole verse – **Congregation in Bold print.***

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be, world without end. Amen**

### **THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:29-41 English Standard Version (ESV)**

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-17, English Standard Version (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

#### **John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of

vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Oh Christ.**

**SERMON - Pastor Steve Dygert**

*"The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – What Does This Mean?"*

**SERMON HYMN:** #379 – Children of the Heavenly Father, 4 vs

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed (C)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 catholic 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:**

*After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE,**

Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN #600** – Eternal Father, Strong to Save, 5 vs

**1. UNITED STATES ARMY**

Lord God, who speaks with voice so clear,  
Speak that we know that thou art near;  
Protect your faithful Army friends,  
For they have helped, our peace to win;  
And bless us as we join our hands,  
With those in peril on the land.

**2. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Always ready, strong they stand  
Our Coast Guard helps maintain this land.  
Semper Paratus is their call  
As they shirk self to give their all  
In duty tough, demanding, hard  
God guide and bless our Great Coast Guard.

**3. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

Eternal Father, grant, we pray,  
To all Marines, both night and day,  
The courage, honor, strength, and skill  
Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill;  
Be Thou the shield forevermore  
From ev'ry peril to the Corps.

**4. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

Lord, guard and guide all who fly  
Through the great spaces of the sky  
Be with them on their lonely flights  
Through darkening day and endless nights  
O hear us as we lift our prayers  
For those in peril in the air.

**5. UNITED STATES NAVY**

Eternal father strong to save whose  
arm hath bound the restless wave.  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep,  
Its own appointed limits keep.  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

**THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord! C. **Thanks be to God**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

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