

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Let's Celebrate!



Welcome to a special worship service this morning as we are going to simply celebrate what God has given us-and that makes this a celebration of life!

First, we recall the many blessings of our birthdays, especially those born in the last quarter of the year, and specifically those born this month. We celebrate with you the fact that God has given you yet another year to celebrate life. We give God thanks you are with us this morning as we celebrate that together with our pot-

luck celebration later in the morning.

Secondly, we celebrate the life of Warren Hope this morning, as we welcome part of his family with us today. While his interment will take place at a later date, in our service this morning we will take a portion to reflect upon Warren's life and his presence here at Our Savior Lutheran Church. He and Jeri have been a blessing to us and we celebrate that this morning.

Thirdly, we celebrate the gifts that Jesus have given to us in the Gospel this morning. In the midst of a great deal of personal attacks, Jesus lifts up a simple model for us to follow, and that is, as we paraphrase, "Love God with all our being and love our neighbor as ourselves." It can be seen as a simple reduction of the Ten Commandments into the core process of what we are all about as followers.

We really don't need more. Consider putting God first in our lives, made possible by the person and work of Jesus Christ as well as the help of the Holy Spirit. Live a life of love which reflects the Lord's calling to deal with one another as part of the community of faith. When we experience this, we can celebrate the joy of life! When we ignore this, we can trace our difficulties of living back to the time when this was disregarded in our lives. Jesus would have us live a different life. The invitation is ours today!

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we come before your presence this day mindful of our promises to be your people and the many times we have fallen short. We really mean to follow but are so easily distracted by just about anything. The end result of that is the fact we don't do the things we have promised we would do, and we don't even think of the things we should be doing. It is as if our feet are stuck in the mud and we simply can never get a way clear to get out of the mess we are in. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

ALL: 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: Our Lord hears our prayers this day, and has offered to give us the grace of forgiveness. As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God, 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 this morning in His Holy Name, **Amen.**

HYMN 301 Take My Life 1,3,6

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; strive side by side for the faith of the gospel. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Debbie Rostad

SPECIAL PRESENTATION “Tidewell Veteran’s Honor Pinning”

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

New Living Translation (NLT)

My grief is beyond healing; my heart is broken. Listen to the weeping of my people; it can be heard all across the land. “Has the Lord abandoned Jerusalem?” the people ask. “Is her King no longer there?” “Oh, why have they provoked my anger with their carved idols and their worthless foreign gods?” says the Lord. “The harvest is finished, and the summer is gone,” the people cry, “yet we are not saved!”

I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief. Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people? If only my head were a pool of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, I would weep day and night for all my people who have been slaughtered.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

New Living Translation (NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For,

There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I’m not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

New Living Translation (NLT)

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "Celebrate Your Life"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN:293 Just As I Am 1,3,6

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

THE OFFERING:

There's New Life Here!

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.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

-PRAYERS OF PRAISE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to come together around this table as those who belong to the household of Christ, brothers and sisters who in our baptized lives live out the death and resurrection of Jesus. The family of the reborn and the reconciled, who inhabit a universe of grace. It is our Lord's Table, you are welcomed here!

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN 280 Amazing Grace 1,3,5

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 us 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.

INVITE A FRIEND! Our rather informal Fall Membership drive begins in October and will run the balance of the month. Now is the time we can begin to think on who we might want to invite! Our best way to bring others to church with you is to simply invite them. We trust here they will experience the love of Jesus and the reason why we follow Him! If you are not yet a member yourself and would like to tidy up that relationship, just talk with Pastor Jon today!

BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible Study on the book of Nehemiah is this Wednesday, September 21. We do hope you can join us at 10:00 AM each time we gather!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Today there will a special presentation to the family of Warren Hope by the Tidwell Hospice Team. Mark Reynolds, Navy veteran & volunteer for Tidwell Hospice, will make the presentation. Tidwell's Veteran Honors Pinning Ceremony recognizes the veteran by honoring his/her contribution to America's freedom by saying "thank you" for a job well done and a life well lived. We thank Tidwell for sharing this presentation with us in advance.

POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP: First, a word of thanks to our Planning Team and all who got things in order so that we can host this wonderful potluck. Please give us a moment to set up tables after worship, so then following the Table Prayer by Pastor Jon, everyone can participate. Again, thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this happen!

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