



5th Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2020

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn 888
ELW

GATHERING HYMN
"O, Beautiful, For Spacious Skies"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us
for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant
that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve
you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

W O R D

FIRST READING Psalm 145:8-14

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**
that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and
loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a

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 that the law
is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within
me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I
can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it
is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close
at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my
members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me
captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I

am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 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 you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE SERMON

Pastor Scott Ludford

Hymn 781
ELW

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

APOSTLES’ CREED

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. / **Your mercy is great.**

The petitions conclude:

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. / **Amen**

LORD’S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

**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.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Hymn 890

ELW

SENDING HYMN

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming Commemorations of the church...

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Monday, July 6, 2020

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

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