



FORGIVEN OR UNFORGIVEN?

Pentecost 3 June 10, 2018

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God's glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God's Word today.

GUESTS

- You're our guest, so if there's anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY'S FOCUS

God is serious about his Law and about his Gospel. A person who rejects God's message is unforgiven because of their rejection. A person who believes is saved because of God's grace. Where are you? In or out? Forgiven or unforgiven?

SEASON'S FOCUS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The season of Pentecost focuses on the Holy Spirit's work with Christians to strengthen faith and grow in Christian living through the means of grace.

The green paraments symbolize growth; through the means of grace, the Holy Spirit causes Christians to grow.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Divine Service

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress | 200

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19 These are the words spoken at your baptism, through which you were connected to Christ and made a member of his Church.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness? He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

“Lord have mercy,” is used as a prayer for God’s mercy, help, comfort and guidance in all aspects of life.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria*

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M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

The Gloria is replaced with a hymn of praise to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day ends with a specific formula that highlights our triune God and our Savior Jesus, who LIVES!

The Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-15

Hiding from God's law also means hiding from the gospel.

⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

In our worship services, one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter (epistle), and one from the four Gospels. All three focus on a united theme for the day.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

Revelation 20:1-6

Jesus' victory is real, and results of faith and unbelief are real, too.

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, bound him for a thousand years, ³threw him into the abyss, locked it, and set a seal on it, so that he could no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years come to an end. After this he must be released for a short time.

⁴Then I saw thrones, and those who were sitting on them were given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast and his image, and they did not receive his mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end.) This is the first resurrection.

⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. Instead they will be priests of God and of Christ. And they will reign with him for a thousand years.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings are read from a lectern or from the pulpit. In either case, the furniture makes a visual display of the authority and power of God's Word.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19

M Alleluia. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them." Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This response to the Verse of the Day comes from the end of John's Gospel, where he explains the purpose of writing the book, which is the purpose for the entire Bible.

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus discusses the importance of having a true relationship with him.

²⁰They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. ²¹When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He drives out demons by the ruler of demons."

²³Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. ²⁷On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. ²⁸Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. ²⁹But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

The large cross above the altar reminds us that Jesus and his work to save us is the central message of the Bible.

³¹Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.”

³³He replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, “Look, my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *Credo*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

Also called the confession of faith, the creed summarizes the main teaching of the true Christian faith and unites us with Christians of the past who have made these same confessions for centuries.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

Let Me Be Yours Forever | 596

SERMON

Mark 3:20-35

“Are You In Or Out?”

CREATE IN ME

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

471 (3-4) *In response to the Word of God read and preached, we pray in this song that the Holy Spirit would not let his Word be wasted on us, but affect our hearts, minds, and attitudes and bring them into line with his will.*

OFFERING

By Grace I'm Saved | **384 (1-2)**

We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offerings support Our Redeemer's and Rock of Ages as well as our synod's mission efforts around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.

**By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

**By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

One of the ways an individual supports, shares, and partners in the work of the congregation is through offerings freely and gladly given for God's work.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

“The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer above all prayers, the greatest of all prayers, which has been taught by the greatest Master of all, in which all spiritual and bodily trouble is comprehended and which is the strongest consolation in all temptations, tribulations, and in the last hour.”

LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

HYMN

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We pray that the blessings we have received in corporate worship will go with us as we depart to serve the Lord and our neighbor in our various vocations all week long.

DEPARTING PRAYER

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

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