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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR WORSHIP – AUGUST 30, 2020



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“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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Opening Song in The Spirit “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Akers

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s The Spirit of The Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of The Lord.**

ref: **Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place. (*repeat entire song*)**

Litany Trusting The Faithful Spirit & Breath of God, based on Psalm 25

Pastor: Friends, today, we trust anew nothing gets in the way of the Spirit in this place, and the gentle breeze of God’s grace, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: People of God: Jesus knows our transgressions. Our sins are ever before him. Against Jesus alone have we sinned; yet the steadfast love of The Lord endures forever. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we get in the way of God’s love. (*silence for reflection*) Friends in Christ, trust nothing gets in the way of the gentle breeze of God’s grace: Jesus saves, Jesus forgives you all your sins. Feel guilt and shame no more. Trust anew, nothing gets in Jesus’ way; you are forever the cry of his heart!

Prayer of the Day

All: Loving God, you bless us through your power and love. We confess, that like Peter, as quickly as we proclaim you as Lord, we say, “God, forbid your plans,” and we get in your way, and in the way of your grace. Let us feel the gentle breeze of your grace once again. By your Spirit, renew our pneuma, our spirit and our soul. Increase our faith to get out of your way, to make you and our neighbors first in new ways, to praise you, and to trust in you alone. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

(all read bold print)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.**" Then Jesus told his disciples, "**If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.** For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." (NRSV)

"Jesus Loves Me" & Children's Sermon

Sermon

"Don't Get In My Way!"

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Devoted Faith & Grace "Cry of My Heart"

ref: **It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow, all of the days of my life.**

vs. 1 **Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You. (refrain)**

vs. 2 **Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more
And make me wholly devoted to You. (refrain twice)**

All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life.

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

All: Let us feel the breath of your Spirit and grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, as you feel the gentle breeze of The Spirit and God's saving grace. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, blessed to be God's people and God's Church, together serving The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew in Light & Grace "The Name of The Lord (Blessed Be)"

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High.**

**Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord, Most High.
Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord, Most High.**

**The name of The Lord is a strong tower,
The righteous run into it, And they are saved.
The name of The Lord is a strong tower,
The righteous run into it, And they are saved.**

**Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord, Most High.
Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord, Most High.**

Songs During Holy Communion “We Fall Down/Holy, Holy, Holy”

**We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. *(repeat)***

**vs. 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!**

**We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.**

“Change My Heart, O God”

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You. *(repeat as led)***

***Join us next Sunday, September 6, The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost,
“A New Beginning Does Not Take Much!”***

***Worship to include a Children’s Message and Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!***

***Join us as we plan to continue to share worship outdoors,
Sundays, 9:30 a.m., for the coming weeks, weather permitting!***

We are finalizing plans to be ready to worship indoors again! We will keep you updated!

***Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to
God’s table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be brought to you
following the closing song, as we share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including
a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ,
given for you; then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!
Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!***

***For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!
Offering is collected in small apple baskets by parking lot volunteers as you exit the parking lot.
For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the Signup Genius links
in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!***

***For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.
Watch your email and our Facebook page for updates regarding our outdoor services.***

***We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you, reassure
you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed in any way to
receive this bulletin and the sermon notes that follow, please forward this to them.***

***In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible
to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed
to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!***

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!

***From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days,
days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet,
still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org***

***We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew***

***God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gentle breeze of God's grace!***

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“DON’T GET IN MY WAY!” – AUGUST 30, 2020
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OUTDOOR WORSHIP
JEREMIAH 15:15-21; ROMANS 12:9-21; MATTHEW 16:21-28
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Do you ever find yourself ready for a new venture only to have something get in the way? Maybe you have tried to change a bad habit, to make a life style change, or to reach out for help, and something/someone gets in the way? When it comes to your faith journey, what makes it easy for you? What makes it difficult? What seems to constantly get in your way? What can jump up and surprise you? What gets in the way of you denying yourself, taking up your cross, and following the Christ? As we hear Jesus' prediction of his death, we also hear Peter's exclamation, "God, forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." Peter wanted to get in the way of God's plan for salvation in Jesus Christ. We get in the way of God's plan, and yet, God is faithful. As we share the final breezes of summer, trust the Spirit renews your pneuma, your spirit, your soul. Trust anew, Jesus goes forward, denies himself, and takes up his cross. Jesus overcomes every stumbling block; nothing will ever get in the way of God's love for you!

1. What gets in your way when it comes to following Jesus and trusting God's plan?
Matthew 16:22-25
 - A. Do people and things get in your way? Jeremiah 15:20
 - B. Do you get in your own way? Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:23

2. How are you able to overcome these stumbling blocks? How does the breath of God, how does Jesus, renew your pneuma, your spirit and breath and soul, to help you get through all that gets in your way?
 - A. What helps you trust "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God," when everything and everyone else wants to cry out, "God, forbid it, Lord!"?
Matthew 16:22
 - B. How are you able to "deny yourself and take up your cross and follow" when everything and everyone else invites only stumbling blocks? Matthew 16:23-25

3. As we share the final gentle breezes of summer, let us continue to turn our faces and spirits to the breath of God in our midst. Our pneuma is alive and anew! May we find strength and hope in the One who lets nothing get in his way. May you find courage and direction in the One who denied himself and took up his cross, so that nothing would separate you from him, and so that nothing would ever get in the way of God's love for you!
Jeremiah 15:19; Romans 8:39, 12:21; Matthew 16:23-25