
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31-September 1, 2019

AS WE GATHER

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). We are urged to a path of humility, not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought and thinking of others before us. With this very purpose, Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath and reveals the character of God’s patient and powerful love. We are invited to follow Christ’s own example and to be people of such love and humility that God is glorified, and the mercy of God is exalted.

HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

Stand CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Ps. 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps. 75:7

P It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

**C We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.**

P At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.

**C For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**

P But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

KYRIE 

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

C *This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- 2 It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
5 take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
8 do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-17

- ¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what

you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand ALLELUIA AND VERSE 

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C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the

lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit **HYMN**

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

SERMON

"Humble Servants"

Luke 14:10-11

Stand [Saturday] **APOSTLES' CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

[Sunday] **NICENE CREED**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His 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 us men and 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 at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray to the Lord of the Church to hear His people and grant their prayers for mercy.
- P** For God's Holy Church here and throughout the world, for all who confess the name of Christ, and for the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For a humble faith, for joy in the mercy of God who has raised up the poor and undeserving and given us a place at His table, and for the work of the Spirit to bring us to repentance and keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our nation and those who lead us in this land; for those who serve in law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services; and for courage that Christians may endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of work, for the labors of our hands, for the privilege of enjoying the fruits of these labors, for those unemployed and underemployed, and for the wise use of our time and energy in leisure and retirement, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our congregation, as we continue the process of Calling a Pastor, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the schools where our children learn, for curiosity and appreciation for the majesty of God's wonderful creation, for our responsible roles as stewards of all He has made, and for a grateful heart for all His goodness toward us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, for the suffering, for those troubled in mind, for those suffering depression, and for those with chronic illness and pain, [*especially for _____ and all those whom we lift before the Lord in our hearts now,*] let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who grieve the loss of loved ones, [*especially _____,*] for the dying that God may grant them peace at the last, and for hope that we may anticipate with joy the blessed reunion of those who have gone before and the marriage supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Grant to us all these things, O Lord, not because of our own merits or worthiness, but solely for the sake of Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

Sit OFFERING

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Stand OFFERTORY

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C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Saturday's service continues with the Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Saturday's service continues with the Benediction

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI 

LSB 163

C *Lamb of God, You take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Sit **DISTRIBUTION**

*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
Your Table I Approach*

*LSB 623
LSB 628*

C *Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P 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.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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