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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

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Hymns in folder)

THE ORDER OF MATINS

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation #528, v. 1, 5, 13-15

"If God Himself Be For Me"

Versicles & Responses *(stand)*

O Lord, open Thou my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Hallelujah!

The Invitatory

Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

For He is our Maker.

The Venite – pg. 33

Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen*

Psalmody: *Psalm 44:1-12, 20-26*

We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us,

The deed You did in their days, In days of old:

You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted;

You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.

For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them;

But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.

You are my King, O God;

Command victories for Jacob.

Through You we will push down our enemies;

Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.

For I will not trust in my bow,

Nor shall my sword save me.

But You have saved us from our enemies,

And have put to shame those who hated us.

In God we boast all day long,

And praise Your name forever.

But You have cast us off and put us to shame,

And You do not go out with our armies.

You make us turn back from the enemy.

And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

You have given us up like sheep intended for food,

And have scattered us among the nations.

You sell Your people for next to nothing.

And are not enriched by selling them.

If we had forgotten the name of our God.

Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god.

Would not God search this out?

For He knows the secrets of the heart.

Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?

Arise! Do not cast us off forever.

Why do You hide Your face,

And forget our affliction and our oppression?

For our soul is bowed down to the dust;

Our body clings to the ground.

Arise for our help,

And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

The Catechism Review - The Lord's Prayer

What is The Sixth Petition?

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

The Epistle: Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also

with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 (*stand*)

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Sermon Hymn – #372

“Through Jesus' Blood and Merit”

Sermon: “Nothing Shall Separate Us from the Love of God.”

Romans 8:35~39

- I. The question of God's love is always relevant.
- II. Nothing shall separate us from God's love in Christ.

Presentation of the Offerings

The Te Deum Laudamus

*We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein;
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth!
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee;
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God
In the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come
To be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints
In glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify Thee.
And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

The Prayers

The Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Collect for Grace

Amen.

The Benedicamus

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Amen.

Hymn – LSB #818

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

July 26: 1 Sam. 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29; 27: 1 Sam. 12:1–25; Acts 22:30–23:11; 28: 1 Sam. 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35; 29: 1 Sam. 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1–23; 30: 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; 31: 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27; August 1: 1 Sam. 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23.

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