

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2020

Announcements:

USA: During this holiday weekend, remember with thanks the great gift God has given us in our nation and government. If we Christians would spend as much time praying for our government as complaining about it, think of the great power God would unleash. Take a moment this weekend to ask God to watch over our land and bless it so that the Gospel might have free course!

Pantry Shower: Our new preschool teacher, Ms. Chloe Doble, will be settling into her new apartment this week. I would like us to welcome her, as we have done other teachers, with a pantry shower. Because of the current “situation” we find ourselves in I think it best we all do GIFT CARDS! Most local businesses offer them. You can also purchase Hy-Vee cards through CLYF in \$10 or \$25 denominations. Those cards can be purchased by sending or dropping off a check to church and we will put the card with all the others and present it to Ms. Doble. Thanks for showing a welcoming spirit.

Registration: A reminder that if you would like to return to church for worship (Sundays at 8 & 10 and Monday at 7 PM) you will need to register every week. You can do this on our website or you can call the office. Thank you!

Organ Fund: Just an update on the purchase of our new organ. The contract was signed and the Allen Organ Company has put us in the building queue. Estimated ship date is September 2, 2020. I guess they are going to want us to pay for it so I pray God moves our membership to respond for a worship tool that will outlive many of us! Total cost is around \$51,000. Gifts have already started to come in to the “tune” of \$15,052.98. God Be Praised!

Offerings: For those who are able to continue to give an offering, you can mail it (use the self-addressed envelope in your offering packet) to the Church office, 500 Village Drive. We also strongly encourage you to consider using the e-giving option. You can find a link to this on our website.

Order of Service:

The Common Service

Opening Hymn #447

Liturgy page 15

First Lesson

Psalm 31 on page 77

Second Lesson

Gospel Lesson

Apostles' Creed page 19

Hymn of the Day #419

Sermon – Matthew 10:24-33
“*Serve Without Fear*”

“Create in Me” page 20

Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #444

Closing Prayer page 25

Closing Hymn #620

Psalm 31

Psalm 31

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge,* deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,* a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;* redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

My times are in your hands,* save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,* which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy* when I called to you for help.

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.

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Hymns:

HYMN #447 “Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”

Who trusts in God, A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love To Christ above—No fear his heart oppresses.
In you alone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.

Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,
While you are near, We will not fear; Your strength will never fail us.
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our souls from you will sever.

In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet will stand securely.
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For you will guard us surely.
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand At your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

HYMN #419 “If God Himself Be for Me”

If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from his love?

This I believe, yea rather, Of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father, My friend who loves me most,
And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.

I build on this foundation: That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.

He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.

HYMN #444 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

If you but trust in God to guide you And place your confidence in him,
He'll give you strength and stand beside you When days are dreary, dark, and dim.
For those who trust his changeless love Build on the rock that does not move.

How can these anxious worries aid you, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
Will not his wings of mercy shade you Whenever troubled times arise?
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

Be patient and await his leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content;
Then take whate'er your Father's pleasure And his discerning love have sent.
Doubt not; your inmost wants are known To him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, Perform your duties faithfully,
And trust his Word; though undeserving, You'll find his promise true to be.
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted him indeed.

HYMN #620 "To You, Our God, We Fly"

To you, our God, we fly For mercy and for grace.
Oh, hear our lowly cry And do not hide your face!
O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand And guard and bless our native land.

The pow'rs that you ordained With heav'nly wisdom bless;
May evil be restrained, Replaced by righteousness.
O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand And guard and bless our native land.

Give peace, Lord, in our time. Oh, let no foe draw nigh
Nor lawlessness and crime Insult your majesty!
O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand And guard and bless our native land.

Though vain and foolish, still We are your people, Lord.
Oh, bend us to your will; We'll serve no other God!
O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand And guard and bless our native land.

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-13: O LORD, you deceive me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

Romans 5:12-15: Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Matthew 10:24-33: “A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! “So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”