

***Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Arvada, Colorado
Family Devotion in Absence
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity - September 6, 2020
Lutheran Service Book (LSB)***

OPENING HYMN *LSB 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

INTROIT *Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 20a, 21, 22a, 23a*

Have regard for the covenant, O Lord;

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,

which you have purchased of old,

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us 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.

OLD TESTAMENT *2 Chronicles 28:8-15*

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.” ¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the

son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³ and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴ So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵ And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria. (ESV)

GRADUAL *Psalm 77:14-15*

You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

EPISTLE *Galatians 3:15-22*

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. ¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. (ESV)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:23-37*

²³ Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!
²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” ²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave

them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” (ESV)

SERMON HYMN LSB 683 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

SERMON

“Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it (Luke 10:23-24).”

Here Jesus is telling his disciples that many of the Old Testament prophets and Old Testament kings wanted to see and hear the promised Messiah in their own time but they did not. Ever since God first promised that the Seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent, Satan, his faithful people throughout the entire Old Testament era looked forward to the time when the Seed, Christ, would come as the savior of the world. The promise of the Seed was renewed in God’s covenant with Abraham by whom all nations on earth would be blessed. Again, God promised that the Seed of King David would establish his throne forever. All of the prophets of the Old Testament proclaimed that the promised Messiah would come to save his people. None of them saw Christ with their eyes; he did not come in their day.

Only by the incarnation, the Son of God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ, did people finally see with their eyes the one who had long been promised. Jesus’ chosen disciples were blessed to see and hear him. But seeing him with their physical eyes was not the only way they saw him. They also saw him through the eyes of faith. Hearing them with their physical ears was not the only way they heard him. They also heard him through the ears of faith. Since the incarnation of the eternal Son of God, all who believe in Jesus as the fulfillment of the promised Messiah now see him and hear him by faith.

By faith, we see and hear Christ in his holy Word as the Scriptures are preached, taught, and meditated upon. By faith, we see Christ in the water of Holy Baptism and hear him make us his own people “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).” By faith, we see and hear Christ when the pastor proclaims “As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (LSB 151).” By faith, we see and hear Christ when we receive the true Body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for the forgiveness of all of our sins and the true Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shed for us for the forgiveness of all of our sins. By faith, we see and hear and receive all that Christ has accomplished for us by living the perfect life to fulfill the law of God for us, by dying on the cross to pay for all of our sins, by his resurrection from the dead to give us eternal life and new life in him, and by his ascension into heaven to prepare a glorious place there for us and for all who believe in him. And in our own resurrection in our bodies from the grave on the Last Day, we who have faith in Christ will rejoice as he says to us then, “Blessed are they eyes that see what you see!” Amen!

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 HYMN *LSB 848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”*

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast 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. Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *LSB 726 “Evening and Morning”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Proverbs 4:10-23; Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19.

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