

2nd Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship

Opening sentences

At just the right time, when we were still powerless,

Christ died for the ungodly.

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *(Rom 5:6,8 NIV)*

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn LHB170 Chief of sinners though I be

Confession and forgiveness

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Good News is that God has had mercy on us and has given us Jesus Christ to die for us, to forgive us for all our sins and make us his holy children. He has given us his Holy Spirit to work in us and through us each day. His Spirit gives us the confidence that everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ will be saved and have eternal life. ... So may the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Amen.

Hymn LHB442 Praise to the Lord the almighty

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lord God, you protect all who trust in you, and without you nothing is strong and nothing is holy: In your great mercy guide us through the good things of this life, so that in the end we do not lose the things of eternal life.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

The First Reading:

Exodus 19:2-8a A kingdom of priests, a holy nation

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-8 Christ died for the ungodly

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 9:35-10:23 Jesus sends out the Twelve

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Jesus

Hymn LHB221 Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

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, dead and 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Hymn LHB326 O how great is Thy compassion

Prayer of the church

We have been set free from sin through baptism, so that we can serve Christ. He has invited and commanded us to pray. So let us ask our heavenly Father to have mercy on the church and on the world.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the nations of the world - for an end to war and for peaceful resolutions of conflict; for wise government and for honesty in commerce and industry. Come to those we spend the day with, through our godly work and conversation.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church - for obedient leadership, including in our own bishops and pastors, and for faithful discipleship; for unity of teaching and belief among Christians on the basis of your word and for the mission of the church throughout the world. Show us your face in those who speak your word and apply your righteousness to us, and move us to receive them gladly.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community - for loving nurture of children and for care of the vulnerable; for respect for individuals regardless of status or power; and for the well-being of all. Come to those who need the gospel through our words and actions, and move them to receive you through us.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need or distress - for relief for those suffering from natural disasters; for hope for the despairing. Show us your face in those who suffer, and stay your hand of judgment on the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Protect all those who are travelling for business or for pleasure and bring them home safely. Give health to those struggling with sickness at this time. Show us your face in those we can help, and meet the needs of those we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in your mercy give us all these things and whatever else we need on our journey to our heavenly home; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will;

In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn LHS373 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak