

# Faith Lutheran Church Naples, Florida

# 18th Weekend after Pentecost

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#### AS WE GATHER

Nobody likes to suffer. Yet, the reality is, in our broken and sinful world, suffering is inevitable. More than that, we who bear the name of Christ from Baptism will face suffering in our primary vocation as followers of Christ. Though the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh are enemies that are never to be taken lightly, we are reminded that in the sufferings of Christ, all sufferings are overcome – not by our efforts or fortitude, but by and through Christ alone, who has suffered for us, endured the cross and its shame, and risen to declare the ultimate victory won. This is what Paul knew and, more than that, believed throughout his many times of suffering and even imprisonment as he writes to Timothy. Nobody likes to suffer, but in times of suffering, we are empowered by faith to endure, knowing the salvation that is in and assured through Christ Jesus.

- **PRELUDE**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)



#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **People:** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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.

People: Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### CHANTING THE PSALM

Psalm 111



Leader: Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my | whole heart,\* in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

People: Great are the works | of the Lord,\*

studied by all who de- | light in them.

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty | is His work,\* and His righteousness endures for- | ever.

People: He has caused His wondrous works to be re- | membered;\* the Lord is gracious and | merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who | fear Him;\* He remembers His covenant for- | ever.

People: He has shown His people the power | of His works,\* in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

Leader: The works of His hands are faith- | ful and just;\* all His precepts are | trustworthy;

People: they are established forever and | ever,\* to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant for- | ever.\*
Holy and awesome | is His name!

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\* His praise endures for- | ever!



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited His people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

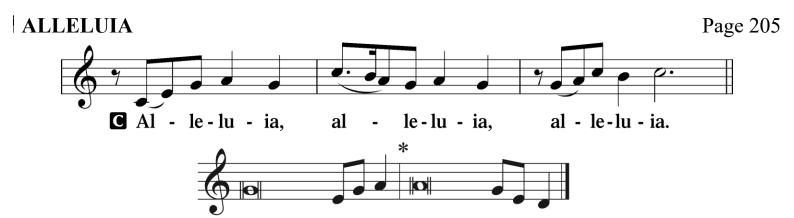
People: Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot deny Himself.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 



Leader: Now even more the report about Him | went abroad,\* and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their in- | firmities. (Luke 5:15)



### HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

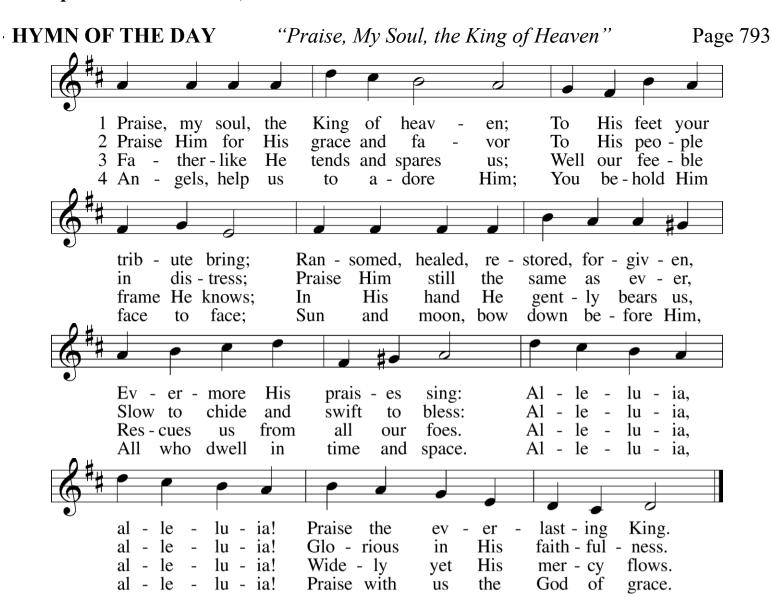
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



#### **SERMON**

# "Moving from Surviving to Thriving" Pastor Donald Treglown Toyt: John 10:10

Text: John 10:10

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

### **APOSTLES' 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, 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.

#### **OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**Prayer Requests:** Please print prayer requests on the blue "Prayer" card and hand it to an usher during this time.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

by Timothy Denton

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## 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.

# Service of the Sacrament

## **PREFACE** (5:00)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

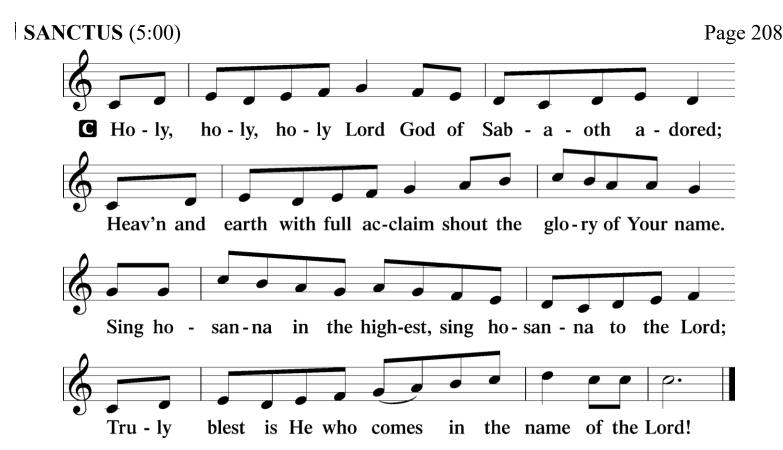
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:



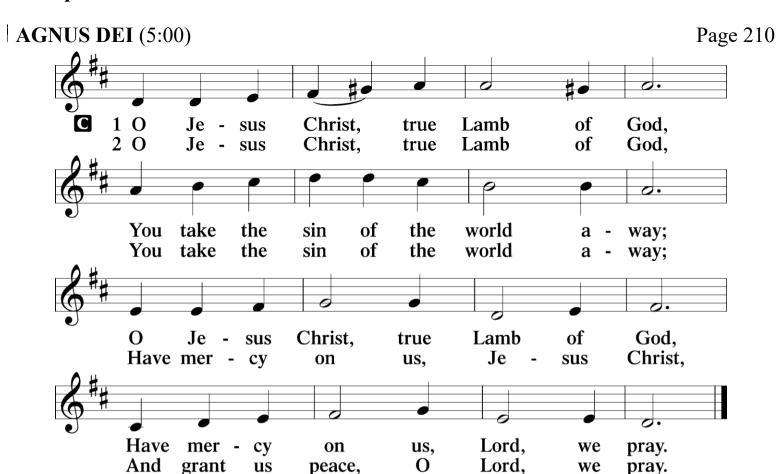
## WORDS OF OUR LORD (5:00)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

# **PAX DOMINI** (5:00)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



**DISTRIBUTION** (5:00) (Please review our statement of faith inserted into the front of the hymnal.)

At this time we invite you to come up to commune. <u>Please note that whoever takes Holy Communion here confesses the teachings of this congregation</u> (1 Co. 11:26). If you do not agree with or do not know what we teach, you may still come to the rail – simply cross your arms as a sign that you do not wish to commune at this time and you will receive a blessing.

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and \( \frac{1}{2} \) give you peace.

People: Amen.



#### **POSTLUDE**