



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, July 13th

PRELUDE

“Variations on ELLACOMBE”

arr. Jon Spong

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “O Jesus I Have Promised”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

C: **I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”**

P: I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

C: **Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.**

P: As the writer of Hebrews states, “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Jesus understands our weaknesses because He was truly human, as the writes continues, “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

C: **“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

P: People of God, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God,” we can be confident that He fulfilled all God’s promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who led His people through the wilderness,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who divided the Red Sea in two,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: And made Israel pass through the midst of it,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who authors and perfects our faith,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
C: For His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “How Firm a Foundation”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 12:1-11 [ESV]

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL John 16:25-33 [ESV]

R: Alleluia! O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C: **Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Alleluia!**

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *adapted from Hebrews 12*

R: As is our custom, we take this opportunity in worship to confess our faith. The writer of Hebrews reminds us to look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, as we live out our mission in this world. So I ask you, what is faith?

C: Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain’s. Through this he received approval as righteous. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household. By faith Moses left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith the Israelites crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

R: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They desired a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city ready for them.

C: Through faith God’s people conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and obtained promises. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. All these were commended for their faith.

R: And what of ourselves?

C: Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race marked out for us, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

SERMON HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

SERMON “THE STARTING LINE”

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Allen Bullard

Organ

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us”

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. John Carter

arr. Becky Mayo

Piano

POST-COMMUNION BLESS

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

NYG COMMISSIONING

P: As is our custom, at Peace, as the disciple of Jesus gathered here, we want to take just a moment to encourage you, pray for you, and send you with the blessing of our Savior Jesus as you prepare for the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 19-23rd. Here these words again from the writer of Hebrews:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ~Hebrews 12:1-3

P: As we send you out to plant the Gospel with those you meet, those you serve, and those who will serve you throughout your week, I ask you, on behalf of the disciples gathered here...Will you conduct yourself as a disciple of Jesus in such a way that shows His love, His mercy, and His truth to the world around you?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Will you seek to be a witness to the truth that our Savior Jesus Christ is truly in all things, by living out your purpose as His disciple – proclaiming the Gospel, making disciples and moving His mission forward?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Finally, when you return, will you share with us, your fellow disciples gathered at Peace, the joy, and the growth you had during this experience at the LCMS Youth Gathering, so that we too can grow in understanding that Jesus truly is in all things?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Let us pray... Gracious Savior, we thank and praise you, that in Your death and resurrection You have claimed our victory over sin, death and the devil, and that You have taken your rightful throne over all things as Lord and Savior. We pray for these students and adults, and all going to the LCMS Youth Gathering, as they travel, as they worship and learn, and as they spend time together – strengthen their faith, transform their hearts, and grow them as your disciples to evermore proclaim your Gospel, make disciples, and move your mission forward! And following their example, we pray You do the same in each of our hearts and lives. In your name, our Savior Jesus we pray,

C: Amen!

BENEDICTION

P: As the writer to the Hebrews says, Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race marked out for us.

C: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Piano

arr. Faith Lopez



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