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"Equipping Disciples to Make Disciples for Jesus"



THIRTEENTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 6:00 pm and Sunday, August 22, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

As We Gather

What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

LSB #644

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,

C and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.

C Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!

P From generation to generation, You are our God.

C Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.

P Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.

C Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.

Confession and Absolution

P Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and in His stead 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.
C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

- P** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
C **and the place where your glory dwells.**
- P** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
C **and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**
- P** Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
C **test my heart and my mind.**
- P** I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,
C **proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**
- 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.**
- P** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
C **and the place where your glory dwells.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of

life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19 (ESV)

Isaiah's vision of God turning things upside down

¹¹ And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹² And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³ And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵ Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶ You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33 (ESV)

Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one

flesh.”³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13 (ESV)

The Pharisees argue with Jesus about traditions

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

¹ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “ ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **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.**

Sermon Hymn

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

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Sermon

Upside Down

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Hear us, Father, when we pray,

C for needed help from day to day.

P Heavenly Father, give us courage to speak to those family members and friends who have ceased to follow You or who have never followed You. Strengthen us for hard conversations so that we pass on the most important thing we have ever been given: Jesus Christ. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

C for needed help from day to day.

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Spirit and Your Son to be our comfort in times of mourning and grief. Bring comfort to all those who are suffering at the death of loved ones. Point them to the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

C for needed help from day to day.

- P** Heavenly Father, remember all those who struggle with infertility. Comfort them in their mourning. Protect them from foolish commentary and judgment. Lead them where You would want them to go. Hear us, Father, when we pray,
- C** **for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we pray for all families, for husbands and wives, for children and grandchildren, for brothers and sisters, and every relationship. Help our earthly families to reflect the love, honor, and sacrifice of our eternal family to come. Hear us, Father, when we pray,
- C** **for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially...* Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us, Father, when we pray,
- C** **for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we commend all these prayers into Your loving hands, for You live and reign with the Spirit and the Son, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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

Closing Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**△ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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