# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 7, 2018 - 10:45 AM



Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

### **G.I.F.T. Zone Worship-Learning Area For Parents**

We offer the parent-friendly G.I.F.T. Zone (in the left-hand transept of the main sanctuary) so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. This parent-friendly worship experience is located in the left-hand side area of the sanctuary. **Every child in the G.I.F.T. Zone should be accompanied by a family adult**—as the purpose is to provide an area for parents to help teach their children the routines and meaning of worship (until they are old enough to worship in the pews for the entire service).

For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. Parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, see



use guided activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way for parents to share the rhythm of worship and have children/ parents engaged together in worship with the whole congregation, while learning the liturgy. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for children who have not yet reached the point to focus and benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities).

# **Living Springs Lutheran Church**

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**GATHERING MUSIC** "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" (with "Awesome God") As we gather, we remain seated and join in singing to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Baptismal Anniversaries: Alex Kopec (10/7)

(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord, (Women echo)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord; (Women echo)

And he shall lift you up higher and higher,

And he shall lift you up. \[ \int Repeat entire stanza \]

Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above;

With wisdom, power, and love—our God is an awesome God

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#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the

one who reforms us again and again.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: Source of all life,

People: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear

that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn ourselves inward, rather than moving outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be your people powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

Pastor: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in

the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

We face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. We turn to follow the cross as it enters.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** "All Are Welcome" ELW #641

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

#### **KYRIE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. (We pause in prayer and then respond)



Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(We pause in prayer and then respond)



Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, for the

unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. (We pause in prayer and then respond)



Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray

to the Lord. (We pause in prayer and then respond)



Pastor: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

(We pause in prayer and then respond)





Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one

another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We are seated

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Helen Doerpinghaus

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently Habitat for Humanity Build). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

So we gather in His name, offering our love and praise.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

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#### FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Genesis.

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

(Genesis 2:18-24)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 8** 

Lector: O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

People: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens

out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies,

to silence the foe and avenger.

Lector: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

People: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

Lector: Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

People: You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

Lector: all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

Lector: O LORD our Lord,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **SECOND READING**

Lector: A reading from Hebrews.

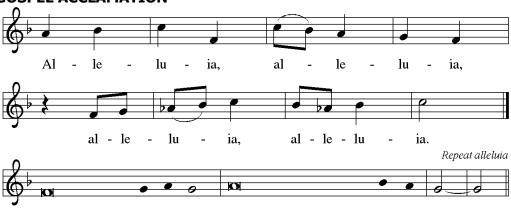
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." (Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

We stand for the reading of the Gospel

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor:

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:2-16)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated

**SERMON** Rev. Eric Fink

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Assist: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church,

the world, and all people in need.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Holy God, send your blessing out into the world through missionaries, evangelists, and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all who need it,

as you did through *Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, whom we* 

commemorate today. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your

desire for the health of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets,

stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and

justice. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift

up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. We pray for all in need of healing, especially: *Ray Long; Neva Burley; JoAnn Pulse; Bunie Talbert; Robert Mancuso; Matthew Marino; Sean Rease; Diana Silverman;* 

Timothy Rogers; Sue Correll & family; and those we name before you now, either

silently or aloud.... Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Bring reconciliation among your human family. Heal relationships that are broken.

When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people

can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your

unbreakable covenant. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through

the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

**PEACE IS SHARED** 

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

**OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN** 

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Be Still, My Soul"

Music by Roy Hopp; Text by Herman Stuempfle





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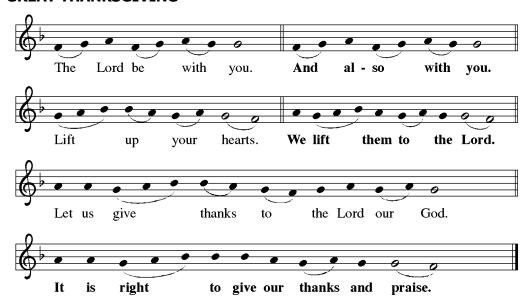
### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assist: Let us pray.

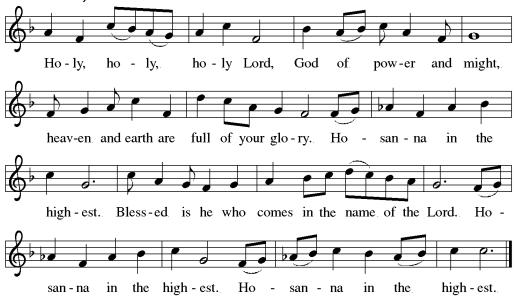
God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our People: life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.



### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People:

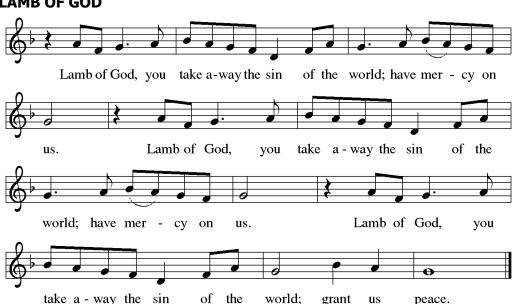
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

We are seated LAMB OF GOD



#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen."** If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.

### **DISTRIBUTION SONG** "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Verse 1: Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. (to Verse 2)

Verse 2: T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. (to Chorus)





Verse 3: The Lord has promised good to me his Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (to Chorus, 2x)

Verse 4: When we've been there 10,000 years, bright shining as the Sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise, then when we first begun. (to Chorus, 2x)

> ...unending love, amazing grace. ...unending love, amazing grace.

We stand after all have received communion

### **EUCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen

Assist: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to

be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,

through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

People: Amen

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of

the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW #879

(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)

#### **DISMISSAL**

Assist: Go in peace. Bear the Spirit's fruit. Sound the good news.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 



### **+ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY +**

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

As a Little Child

Beth gave birth to her son at four in the afternoon. Because of some initial breathing troubles, the baby was whisked away to the intensive care unit while Beth was wheeled to the recovery area. It wasn't until three in the morning that the baby was able to leave the ICU. The nurse brought him to Beth, placed him in her arms and left them alone. There was quiet outside her window except for a trickle of traffic and the sound of hospital employees coming and going with the change of shifts. Just another day beginning.

But Beth knew nothing was ordinary about this day. She smiled at her son, held him close and whispered what felt like a thousand promises to him. He looked up at her with sleepy eyes, seeming to rest on every one of her promises.

Time spent with children teaches us the unwieldy truth that everything we do and say is being observed carefully. They look to us for the answers about how things work, what is right and wrong, how to speak, and how to love. Whether we deserve it or not, they believe in us passionately, unflinchingly.

Jesus' holy heart melted as he looked into the innocent, trusting eyes of the children around him. He loved them, well-behaved or not—we can tell because he told us that how we welcome children shows how we welcome God's own self (Mark 9:37). He was fiercely protective of them—we can tell because he warned us that it would be better to be violently drowned than to knowingly interfere with a child's faith (Mark 9:42). And he knew children have great lessons of faith to teach us—we can tell because he said that we must receive the kingdom of God as a little child in order to enter it (Mark 10:15).



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# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Helen Doerpinghaus

### **NAME TAGS**

Alice Renaud

# **FLOWERS**

Powell's

### **MUGGER**

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# **Pentecost Seasonal Emphasis**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23a

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#### **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!**

We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior! May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.

We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand. If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661, drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at www.livingspringscolumbia.org.

**WELCOME GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the green slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

**BULLETIN GREEN SLIPS** - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, God Stories, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Please complete at least one slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of communing.

**SEASONAL NAME TAG** – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

**RESTROOMS** — are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS -** are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

**GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE—** are available during communion, for those who desire either.

**G.I.F.T. ZONE** - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** – are distributed during the children's sermon.

**NURSERY** — is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

**CHILD SAFETY** — is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME** – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin green slip and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.