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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Contemporary Service



AS WE GATHER

Jesus has not come to calm the world but to lead us into battle. That battle is inside of us—the call to take up the cross, to deny self, and to follow Jesus. He has already won the victory over death and the devil, and now He works to sanctify us in this truth. While this might appear to be surrender, it is the only path to finding our lives and keeping them to everlasting life. We are bearers of this message to the world and accompanied with the promise that Christ is

working in us and through us to make the Gospel known. Yet in the midst of this, we are encouraged that the smallest good work will not be overlooked by the Father, and those redeemed by Christ have a heavenly reward awaiting their faithful believing and living.



FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

**Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart,
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow,
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly serve You now.**

WELCOME

BAPTISM of Audrey Lynne Lutz

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Because all men are born in sin and our Lord Jesus Christ has said: “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God,” and has commanded us: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and has promised: “He who believes and is baptized will be saved,” it is fitting and right that in obedience to His command and trusting in His promise, you bring this child to be baptized in His name.

Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon the forehead and upon the heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the Crucified.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hear the holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.
(Mark 10:13-16 NIV)

ADMONITION TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents: In asking that your child be baptized, you are acting in accordance with Christ's command. As Christian people you are also accepting the responsibility of rearing her as a Christian. It will be your duty to teach her, by word and example, the truths God has revealed in His Word concerning her sin, and her Savior, Jesus Christ, and to help her as she struggles with the sinful nature to live a Christ-like life. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking? If so then answer, "We do."

PARENTS: **We Do.**

ADMONITION TO THE SPONSORS

After this child has been baptized, it is your duty and privilege, along with her parents, to remember her in your prayers, put her in mind of her Baptism, give your counsel and aid that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as she grows in years, you place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring her to the services of God's house, and provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, that she come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in her baptismal grace in the communion with the Church, she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so then answer, "Yes"

SPONSORS: **Yes.**

May God make you able to will and to do this act of love, and with His grace fulfill what you are unable to do.

ADMONITION TO THE CONGREGATION

We as members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and fellow Christians, in accepting this child as a member of the family of Christ, accept a responsibility of Christian love and concern too. I ask you: Will you accept this child as your fellow-member of the body of Christ, and provide and continue those efforts as God's people that will enable her to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? If so then answer, "We will."

CONGREGATION: **We will.**

Let us then, as the first act of our responsibility, implore the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ upon this child as we together pray the Lord's Prayer.

(Please stand)

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.

The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

Amen.

Let us all confess the Christian faith which we believe and into which this child is to be baptized.

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.

(Congregation may be seated)

I now ask parents and sponsors to answer on behalf of this child. Because you, as parents have been given authority and responsibility for this child by God, and because you, as sponsors have been given spiritual authority by these parents I ask you all to speak for this child.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? If so then answer, "I do renounce them."

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: I do renounce them.

Do you believe in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as confessed by the family of Christ in the Apostles' Creed? If so then answer, "I do."

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: **I do.**

Do you desire to be baptized into this Christian faith? If so then answer, "I do."

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: **I do.**

Then come and be baptized.

Audrey Lynne Lutz, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Lord, in Your Holy Word You tell us the importance of Holy Baptism saying: "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Audrey Lynne Lutz, May the almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has begotten you again of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace unto life everlasting.

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank You that You have granted this, Your servant the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. As she has now become Your child, keep her in her baptismal grace, so that she may hold fast to the Christian faith and lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally receive the promised inheritance in heaven, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

Peace be with you.

Amen

INTROIT

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

**For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**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.**

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
generations.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Your Grace Is Enough”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Ending)

**Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner’s heart,
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.**

Chorus:

**So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong,
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.**

Chorus:

Ending:

**Your grace is enough, heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see Your grace is enough;
I’m covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Romans 7:1–13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the

law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34–42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup

of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG OF THE MONTH:

“Make Me a Servant”

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the pray’r of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SONG

"Your Great Name"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Last Chorus)

**Lost are saved, find their way, at the sound of Your great name
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name**

Chorus:

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us,
Son of God and Man
You are high and lifted up
and all the world will praise Your great name**

**All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest at the sound of Your great
name
The sick are healed and the dead are raised at the sound of
Your great name**

Chorus:

Bridge:

**Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are My King (repeat)**

Last Chorus:

**Jesus, the name of Jesus,
You are high and lifted up and all the world will praise Your
great name
Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us,
Son of God and Man
You are high and lifted up and all the world will praise Your
great name,
Your great name, Your great name**

SERMON

OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew.)*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD AGNUS DEI

O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us

O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG

“Enough”

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

Chorus:

All of You is more than enough for all of me

For every thirst and every need

You satisfy me with Your love

And all I have in You is more than enough

You are my supply my breath of life

And still more awesome than I know

You are my reward worth living for

And still more awesome than I know

Chorus:

**You're my sacrifice of greatest price
And still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are everything
And still more awesome than I know**

Chorus

Bridge:

**More than all I want more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know more than all I can say
You are more than enough (repeat) Chorus:**

SONG

“Sweet Mercies”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus)

**It's our confession, Lord, that we are weak,
So very weak; But You are strong.
And though we've nothing, Lord, to lay at Your feet,
We come to Your feet and say, “Help us along.”**

Chorus:

**A broken heart and a contrite spirit You have yet to deny.
Your heart of mercy beats with love's strong current.
Let Your river flow by Your Spirit now, Lord we cry.**

**Let Your mercies fall from heaven,
Sweet mercies flow from heaven,
New mercies for today.
Shower them down, Lord, as we pray.
Let Your mercies fall from heaven,
Sweet mercies flow from heaven,
New mercies for today.
Shower them down, Lord, as we pray.
Chorus:**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Amen

BLESSING

SONG

“My Hope is in You”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Ending)

**I meet with You and my soul sings out
As your word throws doubt far away
I sing to You and my heart cries
“Holy! Hallelujah, Father, You're near!”**

Chorus:

**My hope is in You, Lord
All the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord**

**I wait for You and my soul finds rest
In my selfishness, You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries
"Glory! Hallelujah, Father, You're here!"
Chorus**

Bridge:

**I will wait on You
You are my refuge
I will wait on You
You are my refuge**

Ending:

**My hope is in You, Lord
All the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
My hope is in You, Lord
All the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord**

LEAVING

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