

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2016

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER**.....A Good Samaritan. This phrase has become a cliché in our culture today that some use without much thought, but how many know the account from which this phrase comes? Today, we hear Jesus tell a parable involving the Good Samaritan in the Holy Gospel. Consider just who this “Good Samaritan” is. Perhaps the One who embodies this Good Samaritan best is our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Jesus comes to us, beaten up by sin and the devil, as good as dead. Yet Jesus touches us with His Word and shelters us in His Church. Taking His love and service even further, Jesus lays down His life for us in His sacrificial. Having been loved this way, we now “go and do likewise”.

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

(After the ringing of the bell, we take a moment in silence to prepare our hearts for worship)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

### **STARTING WITH PRAISE**

P: Blessed be the Lord,

**C: The God of Israel,**

P: From everlasting to everlasting!

**C: Amen and Amen.**

*Psalm 41:13*

### OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER *Leviticus 19:17-18 and Colossians 1:13-14*

P: You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,

**C: But you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**

P: We have not always loved the Lord or loved our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful, we are too often eager to hate, take vengeance, or bear a grudge. In repentance, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Gather, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

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

### SONG OF CONFESSION

### White as Snow

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet

Lord I know, Lord I know, that I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of your blood, through the wonder of your love

Through faith in you I know that I can be.....white as snow

(Repeat)

P: God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of 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.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 49**

**Glorify Thy Name**

Father, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth,  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth,  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth,  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray..... Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.**

P: Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

**C: For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Old Testament: Leviticus 19:9-18**

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

### Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

*Christ has delivered us from darkness*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing--as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

*The Good Samaritan*

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN "Red Book" 220

#### The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

**SERMON**

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**WE SHARE OUR FAITH**

**C: We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.....We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.....We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us.....We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world.....We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

(We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: With hearts of thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son is the ultimate Good Samaritan. He has not ignored our need to be rescued from sin and certain death. He has had compassion on us and provided for our needs of both body and soul. Motivated by His love, strengthen us to “go and do likewise.” Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Heavenly Father, as we live in this fallen world, we are so often tempted to chase after those things that do not endure. We give into temptation to love and trust in temporal things, rather than in You. Help us to seek first Your kingdom and enduring love. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Heavenly Father, You care for the hurting and bind up the injured and broken. Have compassion on those who are suffering or ill, (especially.....). According to Your gracious will, restore them in mind and body. Work through others in their life to be visible reminders of Your love for them. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Heavenly Father, You are Lord of the nations and Creator of the heavens and the earth. Guide the nations of this world so that rulers may govern with wisdom and justice. Bless our land with peace. Watch over and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Heavenly Father, we thank You for those who have gone before us in faith and are now in Your nearer presence. Give us confidence that one day we will be reunited with these brothers and sisters in Christ. Bless us with an eager expectation of Your Son’s return and the life everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: O Lord, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

*Psalm 41:13*

P: Blessed be the Lord,

**C: the God of Israel,**

P: from everlasting to everlasting!

**C: Amen and Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do  
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**