

TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Note – do to some technical difficulties not all of the service was recorded

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: God gives us the strength to do even more than what we can imagine.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Red Book” 66

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love.

Chorus:

Great is the Lord, And worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, And worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus

Great are you Lord, And worthy of glory Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: The time that we have in our earthly life is a precious gift from God. The Scriptures teach that each day is a blessing from God and that every moment of our existence should be treasured. As sinners separated from God, however, we often do not spend our time as God would have us. And as we begin our worship this day, it is important to ask forgiveness for the moments in life that we are idle and do not spend our time wisely. During this time of silence.....we think of such moments that we could have done better with our time.

(Silence for personal reflection)

P: We confess our sins.

C: Lord, we confess our misuse of the time you have given us. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and what we ought to do.....but we know that we fall short of the goal. We want to use our time to praise and honor you, but often we forget or simply direct our praise to ourselves. We want to help others and assist with their needs, but often we end up serving ourselves. Our sinful nature keeps us from doing what we know we should do. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes. Give us the forgiveness we need and strength to do your will.

SONG OF CONFESSION “Red Book” 157

Open Our Eyes

*Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord,
Help us to listen
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.*

...HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Our God is a great God and knows our needs for all areas of our life. God knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts, yet loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts that our Lord gives daily as we live in trust. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for this inexpressible gift of faith.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[The First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6](#)

There will be a great and awesome day in which the Lord will come for judgment.

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

[The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

While we wait for the Lord's coming, we do so by "doing good".

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were

with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"We Thank You, Lord"

By Nancy Price and Don Besig

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5-28

Jesus tells of His Second Coming.

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Green Book" 98

In His Time

*In his time, in his time, He makes all things beautiful, in his time
Lord please show my ev'ry day as you're teaching me your way,
That you do just what you say, in your time.*

*In your time, in your time, you make all things beautiful in your time,
Lord, my life to you I bring, May each song I have to sing,
Be to you a lovely thing, in your time.*

SERMON

“Living Life to its Fullest”

We apologies that the sermon did not record this week.

AFFIRMATION OF 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

OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives
Offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all
Offerings, his Son born in human flesh and offered for our salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Service of Holy Communion

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Red Book" 114

Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me—this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong—They are weak, but He is strong.*

Refrain

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me—loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.*

Refrain

*Jesus loves me—He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.*

Refrain

*Jesus loves me—He will stay Close beside me all the way,
Though hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for the.*

Refrain

"Red Book" 78

How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim "My God how great thou art!"*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

PRAYER AND CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Green Book" 501

He Leadeth Me; Oh, Blessed Thought!

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

*Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, over troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

*Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.*

Refrain

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,**

For by His hand He leadeth me.

*And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

Refrain

***He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.***

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC