

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19, 2016

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER.....Happy Father's Day! We give thanks for the earthly fathers who have been a blessing in our lives. We give even greater thanks today for our heavenly Father, who has called us by name and adopted and welcomed us into His family. As His children and heirs, we are favored, forgiven, and free, that we may live in His grace and respond in our lives to His glory and honor. Happy Father's Day today! Happy "God the Father Day" today and everyday living as His children united in His Son!

RINGING OF THE BELL

(Following the ringing of the bell we gather ourselves in silence to prepare for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: We remember our Baptism, when the Lord claimed us and adopted us as His own children. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: Like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is not good nor faithful, following our own desires.

C: We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.

P: Like those who witnessed the demon-possessed man being freed from his torment, we often prefer Jesus depart from us rather than offer our praise for His power and glory.

C: Our guilt, shame, and fear overtake us, and we refuse Your blessings of grace, forgiveness and new life.

P: For the many times we ignore or shatter Your Law and choose to forget who You have called us to be as Your own children,

C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Time for reflection

P: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature, He calls us His children and heirs. Through Christ alone, we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: We are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ that we may share in His glory. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Heavenly Father, You have come to us and called us by name, and we are Yours. As we live in the adoption as sons and daughters through the water and the Word, and made heirs of Your blessings, we give You thanks that we are favored, forgiven, and free. Enable us to love Your Law, treasure Your grace and proclaim our adoption into Your family with all its gifts in confident faith, trust and joy; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9 (Judgement and salvation)

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day. Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the Lord:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 3:23-4:7 (No longer slaves, but heirs according to the promise)

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Camp Lutherwood Staff

Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39 (Jesus heals a demon-possessed man)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON

"Living as Heirs"

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
unto His own who His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

CREED

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

COMMISSIONING OF LUTHERWOOD STAFF

P: You have been appointed to serve as staff at Camp Lutherwood for this summer. You have been called to create an intentional community at Lutherwood that supports and cares for each camper as a child of God.

P: Do each of you willingly and freely assume the responsibilities given to you this summer, and do you promise to do your utmost to carry out, in a God-pleasing manner, the work assigned to you according to the mission and purpose of Camp Lutherwood?

C: Yes, I do.

P: Do you promise to set a Christian example for each camper in life and faith through compassion and service?

C: Yes, I do.

P: I commission you as the staff at Camp Lutherwood in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.....Lord God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace and joy. Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service this summer and beyond.

C: 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: God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave to us Your only-begotten Son,
C: to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings through faith in Him.

P: We pray for our families: for the fathers You have given on this earth,

C: that they faithfully lead their children in the way of Christ and peace;

P: for mothers,

C: that they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work;

P: and for children,

C: that they grow in the faith in which You have called them, live long, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.

P: Heavenly Father, for Your children, our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer pains, losses, and illnesses, (especially.....), graciously grant Your healing. Keep their faith firm in times of need and give comfort by Your present and eternal promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In this family of believers whom You have called, gathered, and enlightened through Your Spirit, grant that You would open the hearts and minds of Your people to the truth of Your Word. For those who have yet to know of the joy of being heirs of Your kingdom, connect us with them and work through us to proclaim Your love, mercy and grace. Hear these prayers and all others we lift to You, almighty Father, in the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Red Book" 55

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath pro vided
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath pro vided
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

"Red Book" 23

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather,
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

"Red Book" 14

Bind Us Together

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body.
That is why I sing.

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love.

BENEDICTION

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.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD SONG

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.