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6 p.m. Sat., August 21, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., August 22, 2021
Sermon: "Martha, Martha, what's in your _____?"
Text: Mark 7:1-13



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(6 p.m. Sat., August 21 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., August 22, 2021)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mable Huldeen

Usher: Nick Gunn

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Doug Lehr

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord Jesus Christ, You are one who is greater than any earthy temple. Strengthen us as we pass on the faith to our families and neighbors so that we may not pass on mere preferences, but the full potency of You, our Lord and Savior; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation "The Church's One Foundation"

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Wave of Fellowship

LSB 644

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,

C: and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.

C: Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!

P: From generation to generation, You are our God.

C: Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.

P: Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.

C: Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.

Confession and Absolution

P: Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus forgives You all Your 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. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.

Introit

P: O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

C: and the place where your glory dwells.

P: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

C: and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

P: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

C: test my heart and my mind.

P: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,

C: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

C: and the place where your glory dwells.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19

(Isaiah's vision of God turning things upside down)

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep

from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.* (We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.)

C: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:22–33

(Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ)

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body.

³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and the Verse *Jeremiah 15:16a*

C: Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Mark 7:1–13 (The Pharisees argue with Jesus about traditions.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,

²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)

⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes

asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said,

‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’
¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,
¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Apostles’ Creed

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

(Please be seated)

The Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

LSB 865

Sermon “Martha, Martha, what’s in your _____?” Text: Mark 7:1–13

Offering of God’s People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul’s members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Romans 12:13—Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Offertory Hymn “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

LSB 579 1,5,6

(stand as you are able)

The Dedication of our Day School Teachers and Staff

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, grant us a true faith, that we would honor You not only with our lips, but serve You faithfully with all of our heart, mind and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, give joy and hope to all Your children in remembrance of their Baptism including: Dawn Flaugh, Kaelyn Herfel, Kenneth Perera, Elijah Coleman, Bella Coleman, Lincoln Beller, Lydia Gomez, Morgan Roepke, Grant Sievers, Linda Grauer, Rick Rise, Deb Chellew, Leann Orr and Leigh Schuldts, that they may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins that Christ freely pours out in this saving flood.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, preserve us from rejecting Your commandments for the doctrines of men. By Your Spirit's aid, lead all Christians to keep Your commandments in thought, word and deed, honoring You in all that we do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Preserve, O Lord, Your estate of marriage. Grant that wives would submit to their husbands and husbands love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Father, bless children of all ages so that they would not despise or anger their father and mother, but always honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of life, guide and lead those facing difficult life-and-death decisions to make God-pleasing decisions, affirming that life is a precious gift from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers for our nation and its leaders, for all civil servants, and for those whose work imperils them for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of life, encourage with Your Word and grace all who suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually on account of illness including Marla Anderson. Bless all medical professionals with the skills necessary to give relief and care to their pain where possible. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn "Fourth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

LSB 920

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Verse to Remember:

^[6] “... This people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ^[7] in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”
Mark 7:6–7

Points to Ponder

1. Dirty Hands: Is that what really matters?
2. What's really important?
3. Martha, Martha?
4. What's in your _____?
5. God desires our hearts that belong to _____

Psalm 51:10 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”