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10:45 a.m. Sunday, 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

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 2018

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu DCE Intern: Grace Wolfram

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Tim Draube Team

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

Reader: Marge Delzell

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 in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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.

Opening Song

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

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.

(repeat)

Chorus: *One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly worship you.*

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.

(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, come, come.

(Words & music by Brian Doerksen, 1998 Vineyard Songs, used by permission CCLI
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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson

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.

Second 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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

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

Mark 7:1–13

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.”

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.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

*Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun for-bear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.*

(Words/music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio, 2006 worshiptogether.com songs, sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Word "Martha, Martha, what's in your _____?" Text: Mark 7:1-13

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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 “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (chorus twice)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name.

(Words/music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, 2011 Said And Done Music, Thankyou Music CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Nobody Loves Me Like You”

Morning, I see You in the sunrise ev'ry morning. It's like a picture that You've painted for me, a love letter in the sky.

Story, I could've had a really diff'rent story, but You came down from heaven to restore me, forever saved my life.

CHORUS:

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true; Nobody
loves me like You.

Mountains, You're breaking down the weight of all my mountains. Even when it
feels like I'm surrounded,
You never leave my side, oh.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!
Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song my heart keeps singing!

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!
Oh, what a song to sing! Jesus, You love me, and I love You, God.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, I will worship You, forever worship
You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true. Nobody
loves me like You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
Nobody loves me like You. Nobody loves me like You.

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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.”