

† HOME SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE †
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Fall Family Weekend
September 13, 2020

PRELUDE

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

A. W. Leupold

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C Amen.

P Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

C so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,

C so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:5-6, 13)

P In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

C To Him belongs eternal praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people. Graciously enlighten all who teach and all who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, we may together worship and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CANTICLE

Thy Word is a Lamp

Refrain: Thy Word is Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (*Repeat*)

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

FIRST READING

Acts 2:38-42

³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Fishermen United in Hope"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHAPEL SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P God of hope, hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P For all schools and places of learning, especially for The Chapel School and Concordia College, that all students may learn and grow in wisdom and understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all teachers, teacher aides, administrative leaders, and support staff, that they be filled with peace, hope and love in their callings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all parents, caregivers, and children, that they find refuge and strength in times of difficulty and share in the joys of family life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For those in need of healing, especially all on our prayer line and those we remember now, either silently or aloud...*(pause)*, that God would sustain and restore them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For those mourning the loss of a loved one, and for all the needs of our hearts, that our risen Lord and Savior makes His presence known in our daily lives and fills us with peace and hope. Lord, in Your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

P And now, as our Lord has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the crucified for victory! Refrain

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.

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

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Special thanks to our additional participant in today’s service:

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