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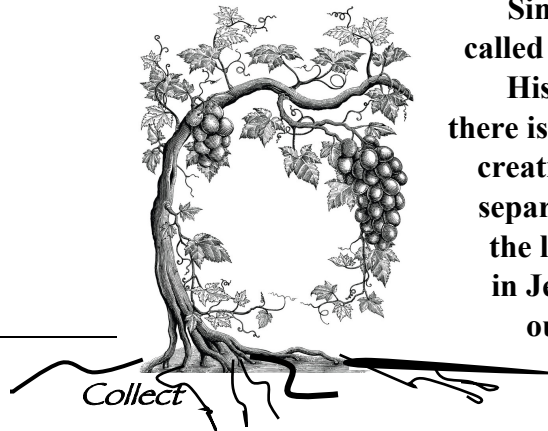
8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Since we are called according to His purpose, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Introit

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Readings

Old Testament/Deuteronomy 7:6–9. Epistle/Romans 8:28–39. Gospel/Matthew 13:44–52
The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

- The Lord our God has chosen us to be “*his treasured possession,*” not because of any strength in us, but solely “*because the LORD loves*” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “*keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments*” (Deut. 7:9).
- God has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “*great value*” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “*hidden in a field,*” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44),
- The Lord our God has chosen us not for destruction, but “*to be conformed to the image of his Son*” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “*are called according to his purpose*” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “*at the right hand of God*” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “*the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 8:39).

Stewardship

Rom. 6:19b – “For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.”

To be sanctified means to be set aside for God’s purposes.

St. Paul encourages us to see ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that we are as set aside for God’s work in all we do in the home, church, or society.

Sermon Notes

+ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost +
26 July 2020

Throw the Net into the Sea

Matthew 13:47

Also, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea. It gathered all kinds of fish.

God's Kingdom comes always as a free gift that radically changes our perception of this world and equips us to become the spiritual net cast into the community to bring in those for whom Christ died and rose again.

1. The Kingdom of God's grace comes to us as a free gift
 - a. Even when we are NOT seeking it
 - b. When we are on a quest for answers
2. The Kingdom of God's grace changes our perception of this world
 - a. Every life is valued differently
 - b. Every possession has value only in relation to God's reign
3. God's Kingdom of grace throws a net into the sea of humanity
 - a. God's net of good news thrown into all the world
 - b. Every child of God becomes a living part of that net

Discipleship Leading to Evangelism

When we speak, our words ought to flow from and back to

- **Scripture** - *as the source and norm:*
- **Confession** - *as faithful exposition of what Scripture says,*
- **Creed** - *as summary of what Scripture says,*
- **Catechism** - *as instructional book of doctrine and Scripture,*
- **Liturgy** - *as prayed Scripture.*

Pastor Larry Peters. Clarksville, TN.
pastoralmeandering. Oct. 18, 2018.

- **Various Vocations** “church taken out into the streets” as “*how we now live out our lives*” as *Baptized Children of God.*
 1. *Serving God,*
 2. *Serving those we can now love: not in order to earn our salvation, but because we are grateful for what Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done for us and to us...primarily in church... through:*
 - Entire Scripture, preached and sung in the Liturgy,
 - Baptism,
 - Lord's Supper,
 - Confession and Absolution.

Timothy Carter,
simple country Deacon. Nov. 1, 2018.

Prayer of the Church. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. 23 August 2020

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

Be merciful to us, heavenly Father, for daily and much do we sin and transgress Your holy will. For the sake of the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we would remain humble, never forgetting that we have been saved by grace, through faith, which was not our doing but Your gracious gift. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to our neighbors, especially those who have sinned against us and done us harm. Give us patience and strength, that we would deal with them gently and humbly, and that we would be ready to forgive as we have been forgiven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to Your Church both here and in every place. Send forth faithful servants to deliver Your grace and mercy to sinners in need. Defend all pastors from arrogance and pride, and strengthen them in the faithful preaching of Your Word, that true unity in the faith would be found wherever Christ crucified is proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to our leaders, that they would exercise the authority given them with wisdom and righteousness, so that we would be enabled to live in freedom and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to all those in need, especially children who lack food, clothing and shelter, and provide for their needs. Look in mercy also upon all orphans who are in need of parents to care for them. Provide them with loving fathers and mothers. Until such provision is realized, bless those who care for them, that they would do so in love, which is filled with mercy and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to the sick and the sorrowing, [*especially _____,*] that they would receive not only temporal relief, but that, in all times and places and under all circumstances, they would know the forgiveness of their sins and the hope of eternal life won for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to those who come to the holy altar today, that they would approach Your throne of grace humbly and with reverence, and that they would receive the true body and blood of Christ in faith and for their highest good, being united in one holy fellowship with all Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Hymns

Pre-Service Music	What A Beautiful Name
Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee	573
We Are Called to Stand Together	828
God Moves in a Mysterious Way	765
God of Grace and God of Glory	850
In Thee Is Gladness	818

This Week Pray for Brothers and Sisters at Concordia

Monday: Kenneth Stein	Thursday: John & Sarah Taylor
Tuesday: Bill & Lyn Still	Friday: Ethan Thacker
Wednesday: Ralph & Harriet Struck	Saturday: Michael & Rachel Thureau

This Week at Concordia

Sunday, July 26	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, July 27	1:00 p.m. Women's Afternoon Bible Study at Church
Tuesday, July 28	
Wednesday, July 29	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Burger King on Clinchfield Street
Thursday, July 30	
Friday, July 31	
Saturday, August 1	7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Annual Rummage Sale at CLC- POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE
Sunday, August 2	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service