

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2020

Trinity Free Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND

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### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

### INTROIT: PSALM 103:8, 15-19 (ESV)

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>15</sup> ***As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;***
- <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> ***But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,***
- <sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.
- <sup>19</sup> ***The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.***

### OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in Cade, and You have blessed his instruction and training in Your Word. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on his heart and mind so that he will truly love and revere You, confess the faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as his faithful God and Lord.

As we receive the Holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, grant us faith to believe that He is truly present, and grant us repentant hearts, that we may receive Your gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation with joy and thanksgiving.

Hear us for Christ's sake.

**Amen.**

### #187: "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee,  
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 O to grace how great a debtor,  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our

sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) And so with confidence we bow before the Lord to confess our sins.

***Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

**KYRIE**

***O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!***

**ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

***Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 55:10-13 (ESV)**

- <sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

- <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 8:12-17 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.***

***And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## CONFIRMATION OF CADE LINDSETH

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Ruby Leach

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.*

*All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.*

### #289: "BLESSED SAVIOR, WHO HAST TAUGHT ME"

- 1 Blessed Savior, who hast taught me  
I should live to Thee alone;  
All these years Thy hand hath brought me,  
Since I first was made Thine own.  
At the font my vows were spoken  
By my parents in the Lord,  
That my vows shall be unbroken,  
At the altar I record.
- 2 I would trust in Thy protecting,  
Wholly rest upon Thine arm;  
Follow wholly Thy directing,  
O my only guard from harm!  
Meet me now with Thy salvation,  
In the Church's ordered way;  
Let me feel Thy confirmation  
In Thy truth and fear today.
- 3 So that, might and firmness gaining,  
Hope in danger, joy in grief,  
Now and evermore remaining  
Steadfast in the true belief;  
Resting in my Savior's merit,  
Strengthened, with the Spirit's strength,  
With Thy Church I may inherit  
All my Father's joy at length.

## GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 13:1-23 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>13</sup> This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

“ “You will indeed hear but never understand,  
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

- <sup>15</sup> For this people's heart has grown dull,  
and with their ears they can barely hear,  
and their eyes they have closed,  
lest they should see with their eyes  
and hear with their ears  
and understand with their heart  
and turn, and I would heal them.'

<sup>16</sup> But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup> For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**SERMON: “HEAR AND BELIEVE”**

**#260: “LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD”**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy word:  
Curb those who fain by craft or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Thy Son,  
And set at naught all He hath done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known;  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone:  
Defend Thy Christendom, that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.
- 3 O Comforter, of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***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.***

**BENEDICTION** (2 CORINTHIANS 13:14)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***Amen.***