

8 & 10:45 AM
June 25, 2017
3rd Sunday after Pentecost



“Love must first be in the heart; otherwise nothing will come of keeping the Law. First teach how one may attain love, then the Law may be kept. But now Christ does not want His Word kept with the hand, as human laws are kept, but from the heart, with love and delight. But who supplies these? The Holy Spirit supplies them and no one else.”
~Dr. Martin Luther

Love is the fulfilling of the Law.
~Romans 13:10



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

Welcome and Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen!

Hymn “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

*Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, tho’ tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Confession, Forgiveness of Sins

from Psalm 124, Matthew 10, Romans 6, Jeremiah 20

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: Jesus tells us: “Don’t fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell” and “Everyone who acknowledges Me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven.”

C: *We confess, Lord: We are sinful from birth. In our sinful nature, we have not always acknowledged You as Lord; at times, we have even denied You before others. We have sinned and cheapened Your grace to us, given at great cost. The wages of sin is death, and we deserve nothing less. Remember once again Your love and mercy for us given through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and forgive us.*

P: Thanks be to God, that we who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord! As a called and ordained servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen!*

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, our refuge, our fortress, our God in whom we trust: as you have done for Your people throughout the centuries, defend us from persecution, stand with us in our struggles, give us strength to stand firm in the face of fear and uncertainty, and raise us up with Your mighty right hand. Lead us by Your Spirit in these last days, as we bring Your name to bear in all circumstances and as we live our lives as Your chosen people. For You live and reign as one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

ALL: *Amen! Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!*

Hymn of Praise “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore!*

Offering and Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, You deceived me, and I was deceived; You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!”

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention Him, or speak any more in His name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering. Terror

is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God!*

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?!

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. 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.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God!*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

These twelve [apostles] Jesus sent out, instructing them...

"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill

the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *Praise to You, O Christ!*

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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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!

Hymn "Thine Forever, God of Love"

*Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!*

*Thine forever! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend, O defend us to the end!*

*Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.*

*Thine forever! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.*

Message

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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!

Blessing

Meal Prayer

tune: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and ev'rywhere adored;
Thy children bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host—
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

The Disciple: Summertime - How are you seen by others?

Good old Summertime is the time for ball games, picnics, backyard BBQs, relaxing on the deck, patio or porch with friends and neighbors, fishing and block and office parties. It's a great time to relax with a drink or two. It's a time to be yourself. This prompts the question: Who are you as "yourself?" Are you the friendly, likable, laughing, kind person that friends, neighbors and co-workers admire and want to be around? Or, are you the loud, boisterous, know-it-all who drinks too much, curses, talks crudely, argues with every point, dominates the conversations and makes other uncomfortable and resentful?

St. Paul talks about this in the Epistle for today: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies...but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life." Jesus has Commissioned us to go and tell others about Salvation. However, if others see us as crude, rude and obnoxious they are going to have a hard time listening to us and believing our story of the kind and loving Jesus.

Summertime - Be a representative of Jesus