

St. John's Lutheran Church – Millvale (LCMS)

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

LSB 915 *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy, Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us, And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome, And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us; The Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather, Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us, How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You, When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Morning Prayer & Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Introit

L: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

C: **To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

L: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

C: **Blessèd be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

- L: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.
- C: Glory be 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.**
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From the Small Catechism of Dr. Luther
Holy Baptism – The First and Second Parts

- L: What is Baptism?
- C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s Word.**
- L: Which is that word of God?
- C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)**
- L: What benefits does Baptism give?
- C: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**
- L: Which are these words and promises of God?
- C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed... 6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to Him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast My covenant—7 these I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

I ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew...

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?...

28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21–28

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The 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.

LSB 588 *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong. *Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus love me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.

He has washed away my sin, Let's His little child come in. *Refrain*

The Sermon

The Prayers

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.

General Petitions

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

L: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn 919 *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us, Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter, True peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav'nly brightness, Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us, From error's gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings, Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom, Grow daily through Your Word.**

**Abide with Your protection, Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us, And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us, To reach our home above.**