ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Problem With Dying

AS WE GATHER

Have you ever lost a loved one and felt the pain of knowing you won’t see them again on earth? Or maybe someone was such a big part of your life that you felt lonely when they left this earth. St. Paul struggled with the thought of being with Christ or remaining on earth to help others in their faith journey. Today's lessons and topic focus on the realities of losing loved ones. Feelings are feelings and loss is loss. But there still is great reason even in loss to hope in joy. Jesus says in our Gospel, "Do not be amazed at this for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out!" Death is not the final word; Christ has overcome even our last enemy - death!
PRELUDE  “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”  John Ferguson

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

HYMN  “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”  LSB 676

INVOCATION

Pastor:  In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People:  Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:  Great is the steadfast love of the Lord toward us,
People:  and His faithfulness endures forever. Splendor and majesty are before Him, from this time forth and even forevermore.
Pastor:  Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,
People:  call upon Me in the day of trouble, says the Lord, and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

A time for silent reflection

Pastor:  Holy and gracious God,
People:  I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.
Pastor:  By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People:  Amen.
Pastor:  May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.
People:  Amen.

WORD

KYRIE  “Kyrie! God, Father”  LSB 942

HYMN OF PRAISE  “Splendor and Honor”  LSB 950
SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 116

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, save me!”
The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed; therefore I said, “I am greatly afflicted.” And in my dismay I said, “All men are liars.” How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord—in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
RESPONSE

Offertory (Divine Service, Setting Two)

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:19-26

For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is...
better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia verse and the Holy Gospel.

VERSE Luke 13:29

Pastor: Alleluia. People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.
People: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 5:21-30

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ Is Surely Coming” LSB 509

SERMON “Man’s Enemy” Pastor John Larson
TEXT: I Corinthians 15:26
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With You nothing is impossible and the surprise of Your sufficient grace calls us to offer You the prayer and petitions of our hearts, O Lord, to whom we pray.

That the Lord call His elect from all nations and all peoples until the number is complete and the work of Christ is complete and gather us into His eternal presence around His throne of grace, to behold His glory and sing His praise forevermore, let us pray the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: That we hear His call to labor in His vineyard, supplying missionaries and church workers to speak His Word here and everywhere and that we well supply them with the tools and resources to accomplish this work, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: That we extend God’s care to those in any need, including those seeking employment, those struggling with disability, and the poor, and that we well supply those in need with the abundant resources God has entrusted into our care, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: That we come to the Lord’s Table with clean hearts, recognizing and rejoicing to receive His flesh and blood to forgive our sins, to strengthen our faith, and to equip us for the service of love in His name, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: That the hurting find relief, the sick healing, the dying hope, the grieving comfort, and the mentally ill peace, especially those who have requested our prayers, [including . . . ], that all those who cry to the Lord receive grace sufficient to their need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: Other intercessions may be added here. . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: That we remember with thanksgiving those who died in the Lord and now rest from their labors and that we be kept holy and blameless until that day when the last shall be first and we shall see the Lord face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear the prayers of Your people.

Pastor: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

People: Amen.
THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child” arr. Mary Leaf
Diana Gaide, pianist

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. John (Associate Member) and Hope (Adult Confirmation) Bergren
Cliff Michaelsen (Transfer)
Gerideane Tracey (Transfer)
Carla Yule (Adult Confirmation)

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 
People: And also with you.  
2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
[Colossians 3:1]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
[Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

961 Sanctus

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER  Matthew 6:9–13  Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Prayer”  arr. Dan Coates
Diana Gaide, pianist

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”  LSB 461  Verses: 1-2, 7-8

“Jerusalem the Golden”  LSB 672
“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”  LSB 673
GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” LSB 474

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” David Cherwien
The last enemy to be subdued and destroyed is death

1 CORINTHIANS 15:26
Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT  Pastor John Larson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES  Michael Zehnder
ORGAN ASSISTANT  Diana Gaide
AGAPE  Rose Berger, Bri Fort, Lisa O’Neal, Ken Price, Bob Shiflet

ELDER  8:00  Don Loptien
10:00  Michael Lawrenz

LECTOR  8:00  Ted Lemke
10:00  Margo Pasha

ACOLYTE  8:00  Chrissy Coon
10:00  Espen Erling

USHERS  8:00  Barry Kratzer, Members of the Congregation
10:00  Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation

SERVER  10:00  Jude Donovan

ALTAR GUILD  Phyllis McConnell, Sharon Seible, Laurel Shurtleff

FLOWERS  Nancy Lugton, in joyful celebration of Patrick Muldoon’s 23rd birthday TODAY!

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