FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Trying to do it All—Balancing Life

AS WE GATHER

During the summer, pastor is preaching on topics suggested by members.

Today's topic strikes a chord in all of us. We are all so, so busy. How do we balance our lives in a healthy, spiritual way?

Our first lesson gives a big clue: Focus! God promises that when we focus on Him and pursue His ways, everything else falls into balance - all the way to true contentment! That's a promise no TV advertisement can match!

Our Gospel text are words from Jesus Himself. He gives the most succinct definition in the entire Bible of what it means to have a blessed life. Those who pursue ("hunger and thirst") a right relationship with God will be filled up! Those who are peacemakers will be called true sons and daughters of God. Even if you face trouble because of following God you have a Kingdom awaiting you, not just in the future, but now! Are you ready to have a blessed and balanced life? Listen carefully!
PRELUDE “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” Paul Manz

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

HYMN “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LSB 821

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 71:1–3

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;
People: let me never be put to shame!
Pastor: In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
People: incline Your ear to me, and save me!
Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge,
People: to which I may continually come;
Pastor: You have given the command to save me,
People: for You are my rock and my fortress.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.
INTROIT  Psalm 25:1–2, 11–19, 22

Pastor: To You, O L ORD, I lift up my soul.
People: O my God, in You I trust;
Pastor: let me not be put to shame;
People: let not my enemies exult over me.
Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O L ORD;
People: teach me Your paths.
Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
People: for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O L ORD, and Your steadfast love,
People: for they have been from of old.
Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O L ORD!
Pastor: Good and upright is the L ORD;
People: therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,
People: and teaches the humble His way.
Pastor: All the paths of the L ORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
People: for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
Pastor: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
People: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.
Pastor: May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
People: for I wait for You.

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.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE  “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”  LSB 534

Verses 1, 3-4

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since You have rescued us in Your beloved Son, in mercy hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You for daily grace and strength, and by Your Spirit grant us to know and to demonstrate in our lives all that You have called us to be and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Philippians 4:8-13

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret to being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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

PSALM  Psalm 41; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
People: In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.
Pastor: The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”

People: **Blessed is the one who considers the poor!**  
**In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.**

Pastor: My enemies say of me in malice,  
“When will he die and his name perish?”

And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

People: **Blessed is the one who considers the poor!**  
**In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.**

Pastor: They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them! By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.

People: **Blessed is the one who considers the poor!**  
**In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

**EPISTLE: II Corinthians 12:7-10**

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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 10:27

Pastor:  Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

People:  Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-10

Pastor:  The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People:  Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor:  This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:  Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY  “Blest Are They”  WOV 764

SERMON  “Through Him”  Pastor John Larson

TEXT: Philippians 4:8-13

APOSTLES’ CREED  Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, we give thanks for Your great rescue and the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Help us to cherish Your kingdom always. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:  hear our prayer!

Pastor:  Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit, that our daily faith be strong and that we desire to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:  hear our prayer!
Pastor: Lord, give us opportunities to share Your love with others and use the gifts You provide to the praise and honor of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, protect Your people, and protect Your Church throughout the world, that we be bold in our witness and always ready to serve in power of the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, send Your Spirit into the hearts and minds of those who have wandered from the faith, and by Your Word of truth convict them and bring them to faith again in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, be with, encourage, and sustain those who are struggling at this time, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, bless our work together in this place, through this ministry, as we entrust ourselves to Your guidance. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Other petitions may be included here.

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

People: Amen!

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “This Little Light of Mine” Mark Hayes
Diana Gaide and Cheryl Olson
Four Hand Piano Duet

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.
THE LORD’S SUPPER

*SACRAMENT*

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:
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.**

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**SANCTUS**

\(\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:}\)


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**OUR DAILY BREAD.**  Luke 11:3

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**GIVE US EACH DAY**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”  
Verses 1-4  
*LSB 622*

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”  
“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”  
*LSB 904*  
*LSB 822*

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.

HYMN  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”  
*LSB 918*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”  
Paul Manz
My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9
Serving in Worship

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10:00 Bill Redden

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8:00 Scott Luethy
10:00 Carol Shepherd

ACOLYTE
8:00 Chrissy Coon
10:00 Holly Schmitt

USHERS
8:00 Hank Peepgrass, Members of the Congregation
10:00 Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation

SERVER
10:00 Jude Donovan

ALTAR GUILD
Charmaine Rohde, Sharon Seible, Deb Shiflet

FLOWERS
Charles & Gloria Mielke, in joyous celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary

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