EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Were Not Ten Cleansed?

AS WE GATHER

We have heard the Gospel account of the ten lepers so often we know it by heart. But we may still struggle to see clearly God’s mercy in our hour of need, the full expression of His healing grace even to everlasting life, and how to respond with gratitude and thanksgiving. Christians, the Lord knows our need, and He will not abandon us in our hour of need. For us the goal remains to keep our eyes focused upon Jesus and to trust that His grace is sufficient for all our need. We pray the Lord to give us a grateful heart to rejoice in His gracious favor and not to forget all His benefits.
GOOD, GOOD FATHER

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You’re like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night and
You tell me that You’re pleased
And that I'm never alone

CHORUS: You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are It's who You are
It's who You are And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word CHORUS

You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still Into love, love, love CHORUS (x3)

PASTORAL GREETING

PRELUDE “El Shaddai” & “God is Good, All the Time”
Sunday School Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Jenna Lawrenz
OPENING SONG EVERYDAY Houston

What to say it’s You who gave me life and I
Can’t explain just how much you mean to me now
That You have saved me Lord I give all that I am to You
That ev’ryday I can be a light that shines your name

Everyday Lord I’ll learn to stand upon Your Word
And I pray that I, that I may come to know You more
That You would guide me in every single step I take that
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world

CHORUS: Ev’ryday it’s You I’ll live for Ev’ryday I’ll follow after You
Ev’ryday I’ll walk with You My Lord

Everyday Lord I’ll learn to stand upon Your Word
And I pray that I, that I may come to know You more
That You would guide me in every single step I take that
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world

CHORUS

BRIDGE: It’s You I live for ev’ryday
It’s You I live for ev’ryday
It’s You I live for ev’ryday

CHORUS: Ev’ryday it’s You I’ll live for
Ev’ryday I’ll follow after You
Ev’ryday I’ll walk with You My Lord (2X)

It’s You I live for ev’ryday

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The LORD has sent redemption to His people;
People: He has commanded His covenant forever.
Pastor: The LORD has sent redemption to His people;
People: Holy and awesome is His name!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins unto God and implore His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.
People: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have spent my time and money as if I mattered the most. My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace to forgive my sins and for the Holy Spirit so that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

※ WORD ※

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Today is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost as we journey through the final third of the Pentecost season of life and growth. Today we are called to remember the goodness of the Lord and to be grateful for the mercies He provides for all our needs of this body and life and for everlasting life. Today we are reminded that having a grateful heart means sharing our time and our treasure for the work of the Lord. In the Old Testament Reading from Ruth, we hear the introduction to the life of Ruth and her pledge to Orpah and the Lord. In the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy, read as our Epistle, we hear the apostle call Timothy to be strong in the Lord and trust in Him for all things. In the Gospel of Luke, we hear the familiar account of ten lepers who were cleansed but only one who returned to the Lord with thanksgiving and faith.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ruth 1:1–19a
(Where you go, I will go.)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now
Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me--even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons--would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!" At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 2:1–13
(If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him.)

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs--he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the
point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

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

Congregation, please rise for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19
(Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.
One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

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

SONG OF THE DAY
"Take My Life and Let it Be"  
LSB 784

SERMON
"A Good Return"  
Pastor John Larson
TEXT: Psalm 116:12

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Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death.
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
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.

**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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**  

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.
GRACE LIKE RAIN

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see so clearly

CHORUS: Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me
                    Hallelujah all my stains are washed away
               (They're washed away)

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed CHORUS

When we’ve been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we'd first begun CHORUS X2

Hallelujah yeah Hallelujah yeah
Hallelujah yeah oh yeah
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away
They're washed away

FATHER ME, AGAIN

Verse: Lead me, Lord; guide me, Lord.
       I'm stepping out, thought I don't know... how to walk,
or where to walk. Just hold my hand and don't let go.

CHORUS: Father me, again. Father me, again.
       Jesus, heal my wounded heart and love me; make me whole again
       Father me, again. Father me, again.
       In the tender arms of God, my Savior, I'm a child again.
COME TO JESUS

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O, raise your head, for love is passing by
Come to Jesus Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live!
Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain, so
Sing to Jesus Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live!
And like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk Sometimes we fall...so
Fall on Jesus Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live!
Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then
Cry to Jesus Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live!
O, and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside, then
Dance for Jesus Dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live!
And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world goodbye
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side, and
Fly to Jesus Fly to Jesus
Fly to Jesus and live!

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.
CLOSING SONG  HE REIGNS  

It’s the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain.  
It’s the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain.  
The song of Asian believers filled with God’s holy fire.  
It’s ev’ry tribe, ev’ry tongue, ev’ry nation; A love song born of a grateful choir.

Chorus: It’s all God’s children singing:  
“Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, He reigns!”  
It’s all God’s children singing:  
“Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, He reigns!”

Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground.  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this: CHORUS

And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they’ve just heard,  
‘cause all the powers of darkness can’t drown out a single word. CHORUS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

DISMISSAL

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

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
Pastor John Larson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
Michael Zehnder

ORGAN ASSISTANT
Gwen Geisler

AGAPE
Rose Berger, Bri Fort, Lisa O’Neal, Ken Price, Bob Shiflet

ELDER
8:00 Roger Gaide
10:30 Don Loptien

LECTOR
8:00 Lynne Hanson
10:30 Kathy Johnson

ACOLYTE
8:00 Gabe Gutierrez
10:30 Carly Calhoun

USHERS
8:00 Hank Peepgrass, Annaliese Tunheim, Jonas Tunheim
10:30 Jason Dierking, Nevaeh Cooper, Espen Erling

SERVER
10:30 Kathy Johnson

ALTAR GUILD
Dawn Munson, Judy Peterson, Cathy Utecht, Barb Williams

FLOWERS
Pat and Kathie Harvey, in joyous celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary & Jerry and Jean Gerdes in joyous celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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“What shall I return to 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.”
Psalm 116:12-14