

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MISSION CAMPUS WORSHIP | 9:45AM, JULY 26, 2020



9:45am

Preaching: Pastor Mark Schulz

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Organist: Dr. Lara West

## Instrumental Music

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Song

*As We Gather*

*The congregation is asked to silently follow the words of the hymns singing with your heart, not your voice.*

### Chorus

**As we gather may Your Spirit work within us**

**As we gather may we glorify Your name**

**Knowing well that as our hearts**

**Begin to worship**

**We'll be blessed because we came**

**We'll be blessed because we came**

**(Repeat)**

### Call to Worship *(based on Romans 8)*

**L** If God is for us, who can be against us?

**C** God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

**L** Who or what shall separate us from the love of Christ?

**C** Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

**L** Let us confess our sins before God and before one another.

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

**L** If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Christ you are forgiven.

**C** Thanks be to God for his gift of forgiveness. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. O God, we thank you for the gift of salvation. May we treasure the gift of your grace and mercy every day. This we pray in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

*Offering baskets will not be passed; instead, please place your offering in the designated container or continue online giving options.*

## First Lesson

### Deuteronomy 7:6–9

<sup>6</sup> “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations...

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Lesson

## Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children’s Message Video

## **Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 13:44–52**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **Sermon**

**“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

**based on Matthew 13:44-52**

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## **Song of the Day**

## ***Mighty to Save***

### **Verse 1**

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

### **Chorus**

Savior He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

### **Verse 2**

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### **Chorus**

# Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Benediction

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Song

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;

**Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!**

## **Dismissal**

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **Instrumental Music**

*Please consider joining us for one of our many online Bible studies.*

*A list of options can be found at the link below:*

<https://tlcms.org/next-steps/learn/>

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