



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

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Genuine Love

As We Gather

Some voices in our world today claim that good needs evil in order to help what is right truly express itself. The Bible takes a different view, giving us God's perspective on good and evil. That which is truly virtuous doesn't depend on evil. No, quite the opposite, that which is good—God and His love in Jesus Christ—actively dispels evil at the cross. By His resurrection from death's grave, Jesus crushes evil and guarantees that it has no power over those who trust in Him. Remaining in Christ's love, we respond to the evil in our world, even the evil that comes directly at us through the wrongdoings of our enemies, with the goodness of forgiveness. Instead of retaliating against evil ourselves, we allow our good and gracious God to respond to it, and overcome it, in our loving Savior.

Prelude

Ringling of the Tower Bell

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8-9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

- P** Gracious Lord,
- C** **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P** God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you.

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.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 51:10–12

- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**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.**

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

sts. 1–3, 6

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame
of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our
cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Verse

Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

G but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Offering Prayer

Installation of a Lutheran School Teacher Mrs. Haley O'Neil

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Mrs. Haley O'Neil has been properly elected and called to serve as a teachers at St. John Lutheran School. This office has been established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist and strengthen Christian fathers and mothers in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord.

Hear the Word of God concerning this office.

- A** *³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*
- A** *²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

The pastor addresses the teacher:

- P** Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- R** *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*
- P** Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?
- R** *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*
- P** Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?
- R** *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*
- P** Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God's people in the teaching ministry in accordance with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?
- R** *Yes, I promise, with the help of God.*
- P** Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?
- R** *I will, with the help of God.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of Mrs. O'Neil, who has been called to the office of teacher in the Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive her, show her fitting love and honor, and support her by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.
- C** **We will, with the help of God.**
- P** The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The pastor asks each teacher-elect:

- P** Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this office?
R *I am.*

The pastor installs each teacher-elect, saying:

- P** Mrs. Haley O'Neil, I install you as teacher of St. John Lutheran School in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist and support the Office of the Holy Ministry and its work among us. Grant Your Holy Spirit to Mrs. O'Neil, and adorn her with wisdom and power from on high. Incline both young and old to godliness and obedience, and let them so benefit by instruction in Your holy Word that they may serve You all their days and finally obtain eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

- P** Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.
C **Amen.**

867 - "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

sts. 1, 3-5

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.**

- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.**

- 4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,**

- 5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.**

Introduction of Other New School Staff, and Prayer

- Mrs. Donna Matson, 7-8 Grade Homeroom Teacher
- Mrs. Pamela Reeves, Preschool Teacher

Prayer of the Church -and- Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

Romans 12:21; Numbers 6:24-26

- P** Do not be overcome by evil,
C but overcome evil with good.
- P** Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:
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.
- C** Amen.

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?**
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.**

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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