



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

View the video file on our 'SJL Services' YouTube Channel
Search "sjlc napoleon ohio"

✠ ✠ ✠

Strains, Pains, and Gains

As We Gather

The hymn insists, "God Himself is present" and "God is in His temple" (*LSB* 907). This hymn reminds us of the prophet Isaiah's amazing vision of God in the temple when he heard the eternal song of the angels, "Holy, holy, holy," causing the prophet to cringe, bow, and kneel at the awesome and fearful presence of God. Today, we bring ourselves with our own fears and hear how Jesus' disciples witnessed their Lord's real presence amid their strains and pains in a boat struggling against the wind. So today for you God is present with healing, forgiveness, and life not in the imagination but in the objective truth of His inspired Word, by your Baptism, and in the taste and touch of His body and blood given and shed for you. You cannot get any more real than that. "Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him."

Organ Prelude and Welcome

Ringing of the Tower Bell

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain
ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

C **O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

P God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word 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 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: v. 5

P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C **I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.**

P Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

C **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

P They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

C **They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

C **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.**

- 1 **God Himself is present:**
 Let us now adore Him
 And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
 All within keep silence;
 Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone
On His throne
 Is our God and Savior;
 Praise His name forever!
- 2 **God Himself is present:**
 Hear the harps resounding;
 See the hosts the throne surrounding.
 "Holy, holy, holy!"
 Hear the hymn ascending,
 Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
 Hear, O Christ, the praises
 That Your Church now raises.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.* Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God

said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(spoken antiphonally between pulpit and lectern sides)

Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26

Pastor: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pulpit: ²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Lectern: ³*Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Pulpit: ⁴to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Lectern: ⁵*to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Pulpit: ⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Lectern: ⁷*to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Pulpit: ⁸the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Lectern: ⁹*the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

**ALL: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD,
FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. **48**And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, **49**but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, **50**for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” **51**And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, **52**for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. **54**And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him **55**and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. **56**And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

Sermon "Strains, Pains, and Gains" Mark 6:49-50

752 Be Still, My Soul

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Its Meaning

C But deliver us from evil.

P What does this mean?

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Prayer of the Church

Offering and Steward *MINUTE*

- **Special Choir Medley - “This is the Day” and “Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”**

Two of Mr. Petzoldt’s favorites sung by some of his former students

- **Offering Prayer**

Recognition of **Mr. Lowell Petzoldt** on his retirement after 44 Years of Teaching Ministry at St. John Lutheran

- **Vocal Solo: “Thank You.”** *Sung by Michael Becker
Adapted from the song by Ray Boltz*

The honoree is presented before the altar.

- P** People of God in Christ, Mr. Lowell Petzoldt, at the end of the 2019 school year, retired from the teaching ministry, having served our congregation and school for 44 years. It is fitting that we acknowledge and honor Mr. Petzoldt for his service, and give thanks to God for the many ways his ministry has touched our lives through the years.

As we remember Mr. Petzoldt’s years of service, our hearts are filled with the joy of Psalmists who said:

- P** Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Psa 96:1
- C** **Sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.** Psa 95:1
- P** I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from of old – things that we have heard and know, things our fathers have told us.
- C** **We will not hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation that praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.**
- P** He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers to teach to their children,
- C** **so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep his commands.** Psa 78:2-5
- P** Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.
- C** **Parise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.** Psa 103:1-2
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

• Thanking God for every remembrance of Mr. Petzoldt *Phi*

• Prayer

• HYMN - 392 “God Loves Me Dearly”

*Another of Mr. Petzoldt’s favorite hymns
With German first stanza*

G Gott ist die Liebe,
lässt mich erlösen,
Gott ist die Liebe,
Er liebt auch mich.

Ref Drum sag ich noch einmal:

Gott ist die Liebe!
Gott ist die Liebe,
Er liebt auch mich.

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I’ll say again:

God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav’ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God’s love was working
To make me free. *Refrain*

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. *Refrain*

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. *Refrain*

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. *Refrain*

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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.

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P 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.

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
“Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

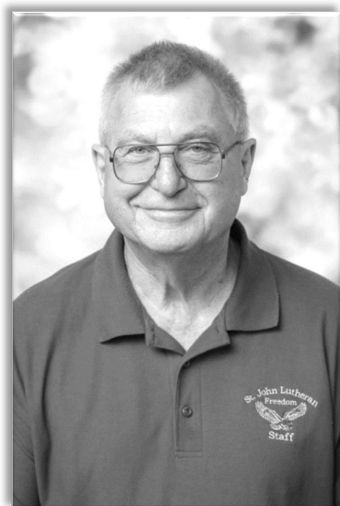
Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2.
Copyright © 2019 Concordia Publishing House.
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.

HONORING GOD'S SERVANT

44 Years of Teaching Ministry



Mr. Lowell Petzoldt

Teacher at St. John Lutheran School
1976 – 2019

“He gave some to be ... teachers.”

Ephesians 4:11

Today we honor a man of God who has served generations of families in our church and school. We thank God for **Mr. Lowell Petzoldt** and for his 44 years of teaching ministry among us. As we reflect back over the years, we also remember the story of his life and how God appointed him for this

ministry.

Mr. Petzoldt was born on July 7, 1954 to Tillmon & Ruth (Rohde) Petzoldt. He was baptized two weeks later at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Perryville, MO. He grew up in Perryville, where he attended *Immanuel Lutheran School* and *Perryville High School*, graduating in 1972. He next attended Concordia College in Seward, NE (“the good Concordia”) to prepare for the teaching ministry, graduating from there in May of 1976.

One week after college graduation, on May 28, 1976, **Mr. Petzoldt** and **Renee** were married. They lived in Perryville until coming to St. John Lutheran, Napoleon that July. They have lived and served among us ever since, and have been a tremendous blessing to us all!

Mr. Petzoldt taught the third and fourth grade all 44 years of his ministry. He served in our school in many capacities including Athletic Director, coach for flag football, soccer, basketball, and track; Athletic Boosters President, Assistant Principal, and custodian (unofficially ☺). He has served the congregation (officially) as youth director and elder. He also served the **NWOLL** as Athletics Chairman and Director of Tournaments; the **Lutheran Education Association** as President of *Lutheran Elementary Teachers*; the **Honors Academy** in Defiance (10 yers); and **6th grade outdoor education teacher** at Camp Palmer (20 years). In 1992 Mr. Petzoldt was recognized for excellence in teaching

when he traveled to Washington D.C. to receive a *National Teachers Award*.

His theme for ministry has always been to integrate the gospel of Jesus Christ into every subject, so that his students might understand how our faith impacts every part of our lives.

As they say about retirement, “Goodbye tension, hello pension!” **Mr. Petzoldt** has certainly dealt with his share of tension over the years, but always with Christ foremost in his ministry. As he now receives his pension, we pray God will continue to use him mightily for His Kingdom. We praise God together for **Mr. Petzoldt** whom He gave to us for 44 years “*to be a teacher, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*” (Eph. 4:1)