



Christians Do Their Duty



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 24 and 25, 2020

Today's focus: *Christians do their duty.* It is the believer's duty to abstain from sin, give forgiveness, and serve our neighbor. However, when it seems as if the world is crumbling into ruin and evil is seemingly unchecked, the believer is tempted to question God's power or God's providence. Nevertheless, we are called to do our duty as we stand and watch and wait for God's deliverance. So we return to the Word of the Lord, which comes to comfort and command. We trust that the deliverance of God's people is at hand. And we stand at the ready and proclaim his Word. Have confidence that the Lord's judgment is coming and along with it, his salvation.



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The Season of Pentecost: The Church Grows

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, and our God. Our worship follows this pattern:

The Holy Ministry

- Pentecost 1 The Holy Ministry proclaims the Triune God (June 7)*
- Pentecost 2 The Holy Ministry stands on the rock-solid truth of God's Word (June 14)*
- Pentecost 3 The Holy Ministry marked by God's mercy (June 21)*
- Pentecost 4 The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people (June 28)*
- Pentecost 5 The Holy Ministry preaches Christ in spite of persecution (July 5)*

The Christian

- Pentecost 6 The Christian finds contentment in Jesus (July 12)*
- Pentecost 7 The Christian finds rest in Jesus (July 19)*
- Pentecost 8 The Christian is planted by the Word (July 26)*
- Pentecost 9 The Christian lives as wheat among weeds (August 2)*
- Pentecost 10 The Christian seeks spiritual wealth (August 9)*
- Pentecost 11 The Christian trusts God to provide (August 16)*
- Pentecost 12 The Christian answers doubt with faith (August 23)*

The Church

- Pentecost 13 The Church is meant for all people (August 30)*
- Pentecost 14 The Church will stand forever (September 6)*
- Pentecost 15 The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown (September 13)*
- Pentecost 16 The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper (September 20)*
- Pentecost 17 The Church forgives as God forgives (September 27)*

Our God

- Pentecost 18 Our God is incomprehensibly gracious (October 4)*
- Pentecost 19 Our God wants real repentance and true obedience (October 11)*
- Pentecost 20 Our God patiently seeks fruits of faith (October 18)*
- Pentecost 21 Our God empowers Christians to do their duty (October 25)***

It is the mission of



Good Shepherd

to

Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior



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We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction *(This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.)*

PreK-Grade 4: “My Sins Have Been Forgiven”

*My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4-good!
My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4-good!
For God had a plan – He sent His Son -
The Lord, Jesus Christ, He is the One.
My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4-good!*

*My Savior, Jesus Christ, was punished for me.
My Savior, Jesus Christ, was punished for me.
He died on a cross to set me free;
He rose, and I'll live eternally.
My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4-good!*

*Lord, do not let me park here while waiting for you.
Lord, do not let me park here while waiting for you.
But put me in drive, and steer my way;
Send your Spirit to help me love, obey.
My sins have been 4-given, 4-gotten, 4-good!*

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Confession of Sins

Minister: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Congregation: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #478, verses 1-2 “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -

rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
ra - tion. On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is

will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night

And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the

close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.

Text: *Morgen-und Abend-segen*, Waldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: FANG DEIN WERK (76 76 D Trochaic) Peter Frank, 1616–75, alt.

We Listen

First Reading: 2 Timothy 1:3-14

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

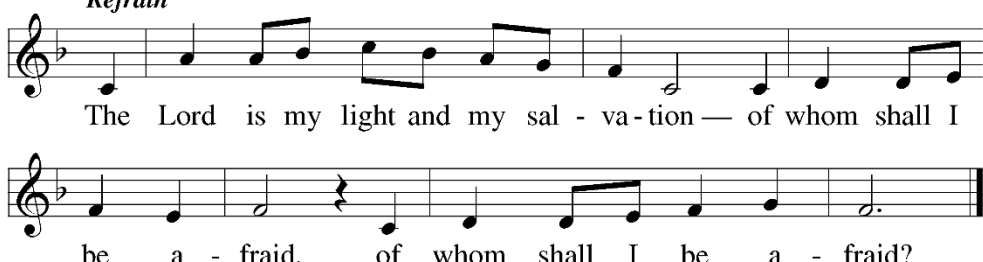
⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.




Psalm 27 (Pastor will sing the verses; the congregation is invited to sing the Refrain and the Glory be to the Father.)

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone



*

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

**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.**

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

Refrain

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

¹Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #459 "O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -
 will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -
 call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from
 ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y
 ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I
 my lips be fall - ing, But then, when in my
 sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -
 should While trust - ing you to bless The out -
 place I must and ought to speak, My words
 taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.
 come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.
 grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-vernährtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

Sermon: Habakkuk 1:1-3,2:1-4

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

³Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

¹I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

²Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴"See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness."

We Respond

Offering *(In an effort to maintain a safe social distance, please place your offerings in the provided plate when exiting the sanctuary.)*

If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Prayer of the Church

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.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #478, verses 3-4 “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

**With your Savior at your side
Foes need not alarm you;
In his promises confide
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.**

**If your task is thus begun
With the Savior’s blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow ev’rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.**

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Serving in Worship

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Organist: Karen D’Aversa

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert (Please let us know if you would like to join our team – Kristen and Bob will train you)
	10:30am	

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