

Sunday, July 14th, 2024

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme

SENT WITH GOD'S OWN AUTHORITY

When a child asks a sibling to do something there isn't much certainty as to the results. The sibling might simply ignore the request. However, if that same child goes to a brother or sister with "Dad said so," it's a very different story! Now the father's authority is behind the child's request.

As believers carry out gospel ministry, encouraging others to turn to Christ in repentance, people might push back. "What gives you the right?" Maybe we ask that question ourselves. "I'm far from perfect. So, what gives me the right to talk about things like sin?" This week we are given the answer to that question. "Dad said so." When our God calls us to do ministry, he also gives us authority. In calling us to ministry, God isn't asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God's own authoritative Word. Gospel ministry is conducted by believers but with God's own authority behind the effort.

648 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

CW 648



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
 2 Lord, your Word is clear and plain, and we would o -
 3 There - fore we have come to you, in our arms this
 4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your
 5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; with this child we now draw near
 bey o - du - ly: "He who is not born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Shine your heav'n - ly light a - new -
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;
 hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
 heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
 let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it. Pre - cious Vine, let
 may our warm de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, can my king - dom not in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.
 now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

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The Service

Holy Baptism (p.151) & Setting One (p.160)

Remain seated

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words,
and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Aisling Christine Reepschlager, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart T to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortations may be spoken.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received *Aisling*, as your own child and made *her* a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *her* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

899 Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King

CW 899 sts. 1-3



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior - King, to you our
2 Your Scrip-tures lead us to re - joice, for there we
3 Your Spir - it's call to faith we heard in wa - ter's



high - est praise we sing for bless - ings to the
hear our Fa - ther's voice. His gra - cious prom - is -
wash - ing with the Word. Lord, keep us in bap -



Church, your bride, with whom you ev - er - more a - bide.
es pro - claim for - give-ness in your ho - ly name.
tis - mal grace and make our hearts your dwell - ing place.

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The Word (p.160)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Amos 7:10–15

Wicked Amaziah questions the prophet's right to rebuke the king. Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on God's behalf.

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:

Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. ¹¹This is what Amos says: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil.”

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, “You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. ¹³But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple.”

¹⁴Then Amos responded to Amaziah:

I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees.

¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

78A People of the Lord

Psalm 78A



1 Peo - ple of the Lord, lis - ten to my voice.
2 Tell of God's great deeds. Teach his lov - ing law
3 Tell the news till each gen - er - a - tion knows.
4 May we trust in God, rest in his strong hand,



Hear the an - cient words. Once a - gain re - joice!
that faith's pre - cious seed in each heart may grow.
They, in turn, will teach those yet to be born.
live in his strong love, fol - low his com - mands.

Refrain



What we have heard, what we have known, let our tongues



tell our sons and daugh - ters the won - ders of our liv - ing God,



that they may join us in the cho - rus.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–14

From before the creation of the world, God chose us in Christ – not due to any worthiness on our part, but completely out of sheer grace.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

⁴He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

⁷In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. ¹⁰This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. ¹²He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

¹³In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. ¹⁴He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

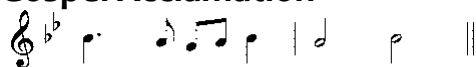
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

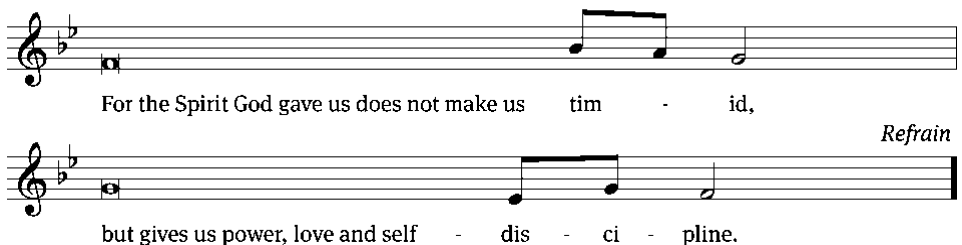
2 Timothy 1:7



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Before Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority.

⁷Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

⁸He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. ⁹They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

582 Not unto Us

CW 582



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from you
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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Sermon - Ephesians 1:3-14

Who are you in Christ?

- 1) You are a child of God, chosen by the Father from before creation.
- 2) You are a child of God, washed clean by the blood of the Son in time.
- 3) You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit for future glory.

Stand

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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Offering

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

CW 896



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give the grace to you a -
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand to spread your Word o'er
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they
sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong to
hopes a - gain; and when suc - cess crowns what they do, O



go to share your liv - ing Word, the gos - pel mes - sage
heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver
keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim that all may know your sav - ing name.
wind and wave, and might - y is your arm to save.
judg - ment seat they lay their tro - phies at your feet.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Announcements

Church Cleaners:

July 21 – Barnabas // July 28 – Luke

Evangelism Encouragements

This summer we've been exploring how to start conversations with our friends. The main goal is to show them Jesus and do so in love. One way is to ask a simple question: Do you go to church? The next step is to listen. Listen to their stories about their church. Maybe they love their church; maybe they have had a horrible experience. You don't have to solve their church issues. Your goal remains the same: Show Jesus and show love. Just listen and then ask question 2: What do you know (or think) about Jesus? And then listen again. Listen deeply. Learn as much as you can about your friend's faith. What a beautiful thing in this world of 'me first' to put your friend first. But putting your friend first also means that you will need to speak about the reason for the hope you have. Question 3: May I tell you what I know about Jesus? Next week we'll explore a way to present that hope. In the meantime, keep praying that the Lord gives you the opportunity to show Jesus and show love.

Church Picnic – August 11

All are welcome and please invite friends!

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (14) 9:30 am Worship

Tu (16) 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

We (17) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)

Th (18) 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Su (21) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**

Tu (23) 7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (24) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info class

Th (25) 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (26) 6:30 pm Friday Fellowship

Su (28) 9:30 am Worship



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