

Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

2567 W. Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL



The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 9th, 2020

Worship Services

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday: 7:00pm

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The Church Year

The Old Testament lesson, 1 Kings 3:5–12, is the account of how King Solomon received his great wisdom. God had offered to give the young king whatever he would ask for. Solomon could have asked for a long life, riches or revenge on his enemies, but instead he sought wisdom to govern God’s people and to distinguish between right and wrong. With God’s blessing Solomon became the wisest man who ever lived.

The Epistle lesson, Romans 8:28–30, is one of several consecutive readings from the letter to the Roman Christians. The eighth chapter deals with the great comfort Christians have in the midst of the sufferings of this life.

The Gospel lesson, Matthew 13:44–52, presents the parables of The Hidden Treasure, The Priceless Pearl and The Net. These are the last three of seven parables in Matthew 13. In each one of them Jesus teaches about “the kingdom of heaven.” The parables of The Hidden Treasure and The Priceless Pearl show how valuable the kingdom is. The Parable of the Net shows that the genuineness of this kingdom will not become apparent until judgment day.

One thought that ties the three readings together is the wisdom that comes from God. God gave King Solomon the wisdom he needed to be a great and worthy king. The purpose of Jesus’ parables was to impart heavenly wisdom concerning the nature of God’s kingdom. In the sermon text from Romans only a mind that has been made wise in faith by the Spirit can grasp the truths of divine election and God’s gracious plan of salvation. Such a wise mind will find certainty and comfort.

The Service

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in
ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer
mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal
throne.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy
love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for
thee.

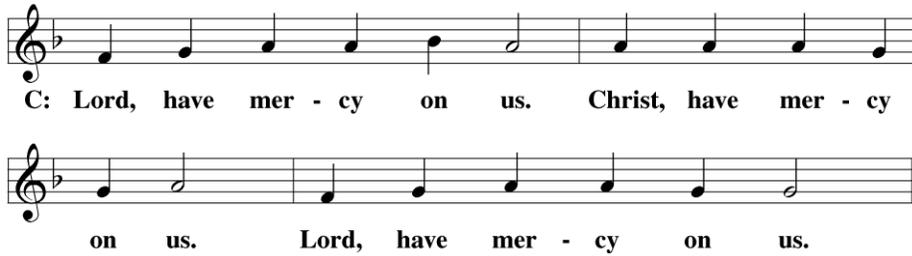
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure
store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, no and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5–12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:28–30

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Apostle’s 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.**

Hymn: Be Still My Soul

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.

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 lived below.

Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the 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.

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 blessed we shall meet at last.

Sermon: God’s Plan

Romans 8:28–30

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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.

Hymn: What God Ordains is Always Good, verses 1–3

What God ordains is always good; His will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed In ev'ry need
Knows well how he will shield me; To him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good; He never will deceive me.
He leads me in his righteous way And never will he leave me.
I take content What he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

What God ordains is always good; He is my friend and Father.
He will not let me suffer harm Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Some day I shall see clearly That he has loved me dearly.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

Hymn: What God Ordains is Always Good, verses 4–5

What God ordains is always good. Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God grants relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.

What God ordains is always good; This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with his arm
He will embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

Don't Act On Impulse!

So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. Isaiah 28:16

As twins go, Jacob and Esau were very different. But they quickly learned to negotiate. Have you ever watched children make a deal that favored one over the other? For example, one offers the other a candy bar in exchange for an expensive video game. Well, that same dynamic was at work between Jacob and Esau. Esau had been out hunting and came home exhausted and hungry. Nothing mattered to him except food—and certainly not something as remote as a future inheritance. In a moment of weakness he said, *'I am about to die...what is this birthright to me...So...he...sold [it] to Jacob...[for] bread and stew'* (Genesis 25:32-34). It was a decision Esau would live to regret, and couldn't undo. Recovering addicts are taught the importance of observing their H.A.L.T. sign. When they're Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired, they're in danger. And so are you! Acting on impulse will cause you to: 1) *buy stuff you don't need* at prices you can't afford; 2) *react before you get all the facts*, resulting in a loss of respect, opportunities and good relationships; 3) *compromise your character* for a few moments of sinful pleasure; 4) *quit in the middle of the race*, or worse, on the threshold of victory. The Bible says, 'He that believeth shall not make haste.' When you make choices based on short-term gratification rather than life-long convictions and goals, you always lose out in the end. So don't take the deal; don't trade your God-given destiny for momentary gratification. Be patient and hold fast. When you do, God will bring your dreams to pass in ways that honor instead of diminishing them.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me to make wise decisions that are thought through so that they are honoring to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen

News & Notes

God blessed Kurt and Rebecca Knaack with the birth of a healthy baby boy July 16. Elias Kurt Knaack was baptized in the hospital by his father. Elias joins his brother Liam. Keith and Burt Knaack are the proud grandparents.

The August 30 – November 28 *Meditations* Daily Devotional is available. A \$3.75 donation is suggested to help defray the cost of the publication.

The Ministry Coordinating Council meets Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Michelle Behrens will be installed as our Kindergarten and First Grade Teacher August 16 during second service. There will be a cake reception for her following the service. Plan to join us in welcoming Michelle.

