

# September 8, 2019

9 am



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



# Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

**WE LOVE FAMILIES!** Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

**KIDS' AREA:** There is a kids' area available after the Children's Message. Have your children meet the workers in back after the lesson is over. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall after worship.

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**RESTROOMS:** Located in back and in the fellowship hall.

**CONNECT WITH US:** Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

**INFO AREA.** Say hi to Pastor after worship, ask questions about our church community, and grab information to look at later.

**Liturgy:** pg 38 **Hymns:** 243, Ps 139, 423, 379

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# Opening Song

## Oh, Worship the King (CW #243 v1-3)



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove;  
2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py, space.  
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.  
Tune: HANOVER (10 10 11 11) William Croft, 1678–1727.

# We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness <sup>1</sup>

*(please stand)*

P: Our God is a loving Father. He created us. He sustains us. He guides us. He calls us into his family and asks us to live as members of his family.

But the truth is that we have gone away from God. Whether we have distanced ourselves from his Word or engaged in things that his family members do not do, we have sinned. The Bible teaches us this when it says, "We all like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way." (*Isaiah 53:6*)

Today God's Word speaks and says: "Return, to the Lord our God. Your sins have been your downfall." (*Hosea 14:1*) Therefore, humbly return to God, our Father, and seek his forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have turned away from you. By my sinful thoughts, words, and actions, I have not acted like your child. 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 seek your forgiveness: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

P: God didn't wait for us to return. God came after us. Like a shepherd searching for his lost sheep (*Luke 15*), God came into this world to free us from sin. He lived perfectly, he died innocently, and he rose triumphantly for the forgiveness of all of our sins. Through his Word, the Holy Spirit declares that you are a part of God's family (*1 John 3:1*), that you are loved (*Ephesians 5:1*), and that you are forgiven (*Colossians 1:14*).

In short, today God says to you: "Welcome home."

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

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<sup>1</sup> 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us all our sins." So the Pastor assures our believing hearts of God's promise – forgiveness of sins.

## Song of Praise

Oh, Worship the King  
(CW #243 v4-5)

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♩: **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-4,11-17,37

**19** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

<sup>3</sup> “ ‘Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>4</sup> “ ‘Do not turn to idols or make metal gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup> “ ‘Do not steal.

“ ‘Do not lie.

“ ‘Do not deceive one another.

<sup>12</sup> “ ‘Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> “ ‘Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

“ ‘Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

<sup>14</sup> “ ‘Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> “ ‘Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

<sup>16</sup> “ ‘Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“ ‘Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> “ ‘Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

<sup>37</sup> “ ‘Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the LORD.’ ”

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 139a

## *Refrain*



## *Psalm tone*



you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;\*  
you are familiar with all my ways.

## *Refrain*

Where can I go from your Spirit?\*  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;\*  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,\*  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,\*  
your right hand will hold me fast.

**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*

## Second Lesson

Romans 3:21-27

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, <sup>m</sup> through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.



After the children's lesson, a kids' area is available. Meet the workers in back, and they will take the kids to the playroom. You can pick them up at any time.

# Song of the Day

## Not in Anger, Mighty God (CW #423)



1 Not in an - ger, might - y God, Not in an - ger  
2 Show me now a Fa - ther's love And his ten - der  
3 My dear Sav - ior comes in grace; He will al - ways  
4 Fa - ther, hymns to you we raise With sin - cere thanks -



smite us. We must per - ish if your rod  
pa - tience. Heal my wound - ed soul; re - move  
hear me. I may come be - fore his face;  
giv - ing And the Son and Spir - it praise



Just - ly should re - quite us. We are naught;  
These too sore temp - ta - tions. I am weak;  
He is ev - er near me. He o'er - throws  
With re - pent - ant liv - ing. Ev - er - more



Sin has brought, Lord, your wrath up -  
Fa - ther, speak Now of peace and  
All my foes; Death and hell are  
We a - dore You whose love has



on us. Yet have mer - cy on us!  
glad - ness; Com - fort me in sad - ness.  
van - quished, In whose bonds I lan - guished.  
stirred us And whose pit - y heard us.

Text: Johann G. Albinus, 1624–79, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

## The Message

## MESSY: What is Sin?

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

**TRUTH:** Sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Sin messes up...

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<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

**TRUTH:** Sin messes up our entrance into \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

**TRUTH:** Sin hasn't messed up \_\_\_\_\_.

**TRUTH:** Only \_\_\_\_\_ can clean up the mess.

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

<sup>29</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel<sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.”

**TRUTH:** The Messiness of sin is removed by \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Now?**

## We Confess Our Faith in God

## The Apostles' Creed<sup>2</sup>

*(please stand)*

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)*



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<sup>2</sup> As we speak these words, we join with Christians throughout the centuries who have confessed the truths taught in Scripture with these words.

*(please stand)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Spoken by the Pastor

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: 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.

♪: **Amen.**

P: 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.

♪: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

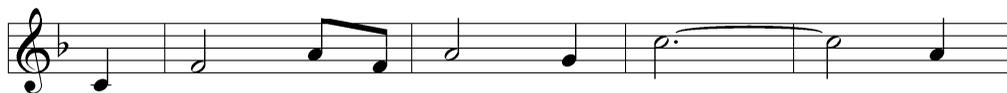
*(be seated)*

# Closing Song

## Amazing Grace (CW#379)



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I  
His Word my hope se - cures. He  
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis  
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,  
will my shield and por - tion be  
grace has brought me safe - thus far,  
no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.  
As long as life en - dures.  
And grace will lead me home.  
Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.  
Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dorothy Simon  
in memory of Don Simon.*

- **Garden Kids** is a great place for kids of all ages to learn more about their Savior. Sundays at 10am in the Early Childhood Center.
- **Growth Groups** are a great way to dig deeper into the past Sunday's sermon, connect with others and grow in faith. Sign up now at [GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups) to find a group near you.
- **Starting Point** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Check out [GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups) to sign up.
- **Sermon Archives.** Missed some of the sermons? Visit [GatherToTheGarden.com/Messages](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/Messages) for the sermon archive.

### Thanks to those who served this week . . . September 8, 2019

#### 9 am

**Music:** Ryan Diggs

**Ushers:** Ken Karber, Chad Brinley

**Kids' Area:** Sonia Dupree, Julianna Kiecker

**Fellowship:** Sonia Dupree, Gladys Kaus,

#### 11 am

**Music:** Carol Carson, Travis Gray & Bridget Mason-Gray, Sam Meyer, Julianna Kiecker

**Ushers:** Adam Groth, Bob Etter,

**Kids' Area:** Emily Young, Beth Wei

**Fellowship:** Adam Groth, Dee Voigt,

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