

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH CONOVER, NC

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE

P Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “God Loved the World So That He Gave”



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON

“Moving on Down”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

We sit.

QUILT BLESSING

- P** We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.
- C** **We thank You, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talents with needles and thread.**
- P** To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.
- C** **Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**
- P** Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in churches and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."
- C** **We thank You for the quilters and ask You to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**
- P** Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that You shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, and for sustaining life.
- C** **Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.**
- P** Jesus, we ask that You continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief.
- C** **Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to You.**
- P** For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: LSB 662

“Serve the Lord with gladness!: It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessing Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

POSTLUDE