FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 8

Always Available

Enriched by His Poverty

June 27, 2021

AS WE GATHER



Do you forget to pray now and then? This is fallen human nature. God never forgets to listen. The Lord's steadfast love never ceases. When Jesus walked this earth, this was evident as He raised Jairus's daughter, who had died between the request and Jesus' arrival at his home. And He cured a hemorrhaging woman whose only prayer was touching His robe. But God does more than restore us to physical life and health. Jesus left the riches of heaven, becoming a poor and despised human being so that we might become rich with everlasting life. How can we ever thank Him? Paul encourages us to share generously and joyfully whatever God has so graciously given us. Are you rich or poor? Some people answer that question by checking their finances and others by considering how popular they are. Christ was rich in the glories of heaven but became a poor and despised human being. He did so that we by His poverty might become rich, joining Him in eternity. In the meantime, the Epistle encourages us to thank God by sharing whatever blessings He has given us. Moreover, both the Old Testament Reading and Gospel make clear that we need to keep in direct communication with God, who has given us all we are and have. He will hear our every word, for the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Indeed, both Jairus's fervent prayer and an unnamed woman's desperate touching of Jesus' robe were both answered by our Savior. We have the ear of almighty God! We are rich indeed!

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION

- Pastor: Confident that God's favor is for a lifetime and that joy comes with the morning, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
- People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have turned away from others in my thinking, speaking, and doing. I have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these, my sins. Have mercy on me because of the obedience of Your Son. Forgive all my sins, and by the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

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KYRIE

Pastor: People: Pastor: People:	In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. Heavenly Father, whose steadfast love never ceases, Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: People:	Lord Jesus, who has enriched us through Your poverty, Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:	O Holy Spirit, who has given us faith to trust that joy comes with the morning,
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People:	Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise Him! Jesus Blessed Savior" TFBF 285 Sts. 1-2

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the new-born King," Jesus, the Light of the world.

Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

2 Joyful, all you nations, rise, Jesus, the Light of the world; join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. [Refrain]

SALUTATION

Pastor:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry, Your Son, Jesus, healed the sick and raised the dead.

- People: By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally;
- Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lamentations 3:22–33 (Because the Lord's steadfast love never ceases, we can hope for an end to current grief.)

Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

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GRADUAL Romans 11:33, 36

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15 (Encouragement to share monetary blessings)

- Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.
- VERSE Lamentations 3:25

Leader:Alleluia. The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,People:to the soul who seeks Him. Alleluia.

- HOLY GOSPEL Mark 5:21–43 (Jesus heals a woman and raises Jairus's daughter.)
- Leader:The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.People:Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader:	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise to You, O Christ.

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(We Bring Our Tithes and Offering To The Lord)

CREED Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lamentations 3:22–23, 25, 31–32; Psalm 30:7–8, 12;2 Corinthians 8:2

- Leader: Your mercies "are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." People: Heavenly Father, hear the cries of those who awaken to face another day of injustice, prejudice, and oppression. Give them hope in Your promises.
- Leader: "The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him."
- People: Give patience and guidance to clergy and lay leaders of the Church that through them the Gospel will move many to seek Christ and His salvation.
- Leader: "The Lord will not cast off forever, . . . He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love."

People: In Your great love, O Lord, give strength and healing to all who are enduring long-term illnesses and difficult treatments. Help medical people and institutions find new ways of alleviating pain and reversing recurring symptoms. Leader: "By Your favor, O LORD, You made my mountain stand strong." Give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, protection to armed People: forces deployed, and guidance to law enforcement, that peace may break out between nations and our neighborhoods may be places of calm and connected community. Leader: "To You, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy." We pray especially for those near and dear to us, [especially . . .]. Heavenly Father. grant them health, peace, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for People: them. Leader: The Macedonian Christians' "abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." Open our eyes and hearts, our time and resources, gracious God, to People: see where we might share Your blessings and be part of Your answers to the prayers we bring before You. Leader: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever. Amen. People: LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13 BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

- Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ₱ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless, guide, and preserve you, now and forever.
- People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

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LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD. USE THIS SHEET TO MAKE SOME PERSONAL NOTES. GO BACK OVER THEM THROUGH THE WEEK. THINK AND LET GOD CRYSTALIZE TRUTHS IN YOUR LIFE.

SERMON TITLE:	
BIBLICAL TEXT:	
INTRODUCTION:	
MAJOR POINTS:	
WHAT I WILL DO AS A RESULT OF THIS MESSAGE:	

"...They received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures everyday." Acts 17:11 (NIV)

