

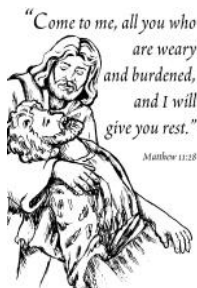
Then Jesus said,
"Come to me,
all of you who are
weary and carry
heavy burdens,
and I will
give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28



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Pentecost 8

Serving Us Today

Worship Leader: Matthew Lueck

Organist: Gretchen Peters

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 65* (pew Bible, p. 567)

Pre-Service Prayer

Dear Jesus, I am blessed to have and understand Your invitation for rest. I grow tired of seeing the struggles in the world around me and weary of facing my own. I become exhausted listening to the news and hearing of wickedness, tragedy, and outright rebellion against You. I face fatigue in my emotions, my mind, and my soul. Lord Jesus, give me rest. Rejuvenate me with Your Word. Lead me to drink deeply from the wells of salvation. Amen.

Order of Worship (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship

Hymn: 149 — Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

(Please stand for the final verse)

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

Congregation



Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

(Worship Supplement p. 13)

Congregation (sings):

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P: Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation



God Speaks to Us Through His Word



First Scripture Lesson:

Zechariah 9:9-12

(p. 948 in pew Bible)

Zechariah prophesied about the coming Savior, including a specific prophesy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. God speaks of "prisoners set free" and "prisoners of hope." Consider what a blessing it is to be set free from the slavery of sin and made a prisoner of hope through Christ Jesus!

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;*

*his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65:1-5

P: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,

C: and to you shall vows be performed.

P: O you who hear prayer,

C: to you shall all flesh come.

P: When iniquities prevail against me,

C: You atone for our transgressions.

P: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

C: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

P: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,

C: the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Second Scripture Lesson: Romans 7:15-25 (p. 1121 in pew Bible)

If we want to find a source of turmoil and spiritual exhaustion, we need to look no further than our own sinful selves. We are engaged in an ongoing and difficult tug-o-war between the old sinful self, and the new creation which seeks to follow Jesus.

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law

of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin..

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic 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: 56 — Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
(Please rise for the last verse)

The Sermon

Text: *Matthew 11:25-30 (pew Bible p. 970)*

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the

Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

“Rest for the Weary”

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn: 276 — Come unto Me, Ye Weary

(Please rise for the last verse)

Prayer



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the narthex, mailed to the church, or made electronically via the link on our website home page.

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

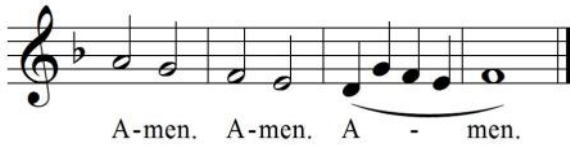
We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our offering we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise,
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise. Amen.

(Lutheran Hymnal 568:1,3)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction
Congregation



Hymn: 277 — I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
(Please rise for the last verse)

Silent Prayer

Welcome
Glad you're here!

Guests and Visitors — Please sign our guest book in the narthex. We look forward to meeting you and visiting with you.

We thank Mr. Matthew Lueck for leading the worship service this morning. The sermon in today's service was written by Pastor Mark Weis—who now serves as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School/College/Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

