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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Courageous Living in Turbulent Times Part 5
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

BEFORE WORSHIP

Personal prayers for worship are found on pages 10-11 in the front part of the hymnal. A personal preparation for Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

THEME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:

HYMN CW 235 "Praise the Almighty; My Soul Adore Him"

(Christian hymns preach Jesus Christ: crucified, risen and seated at God's right hand.)

Please stand.

(The work of worship belongs to every Christian. Each of us stands as a priest before God.)

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by those present in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8-9)

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

M: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin! *Psalm 51:1, 2*

M: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

M & C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners beseech You to hear our words of repentance. We have sinned against You and have transgressed Your commands in thought, word, and deed. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins, both known and unknown to us. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may walk as Your forgiven and restored children here on earth until that time when we finally come into Your glorious heavenly presence.

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

(“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners.” Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

M: God has promised His mercy and forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in repentance and humility. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our merciful Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M. For the spread of Your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M. Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise You for Your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to You we bring,
For Your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, You have done
Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to You we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, Your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory You made known.
We by Your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen. (tune, CW 582)**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: O Lord Jesus, who came here on earth, calling people to repent—to have a change of mind--keep Your people from boasting about ourselves and our own deeds. Instead, constantly lead us to repentance, giving to us Your mind, so that in all things, we may boast about You and Your continual mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 9:23-24 *(The Apostle Paul quotes from Jeremiah in 1 Cor. 1:31 when he writes, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.” Today, we encounter foolish king Nebuchadnezzar who boasted about his own might and glory. Jeremiah writes that God’s people boast about knowing the goodness of the Lord.)*

²³ This is what the LORD says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know Me,
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,”
declares the LORD. (NIV 2011)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. A man’s pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor. Alleluia.
(Prov. 29:23 NIV 2011)

Please Stand

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Matthew 21:28-32** *(In Jesus' parable, the first son had a change of mind. This is what the word "repent" means. King Nebuchadnezzar lost his mind when he boasted about his might and glory. But God graciously restored to him his sanity. God changed his mind. We pray that God would continually change our minds, so that we might walk humbly before God and boast only about His grace and mercy in Christ.)*

²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

²⁹ "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 291 “We Have a Sure Prophetic Word”

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day’s Gospel.)

THE SERMON TEXT Daniel 4:28-35

²⁸ All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.”

³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;

His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵ All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.
He does as He pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.
No one can hold back His hand
or say to Him: "What have You done?" (NIV 2011)

OFFERING

(Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer Him our first and our best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. Visitors to our service can participate in this act of worship, but are not expected to.)

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is our duty and delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. And now we bless You that, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are shown limitless mercy and abiding love through His grace and forgiveness. Therefore, with all the company of heaven we join in the ceaseless hymn and praise Your glorious name singing...

SANCTUS (*Latin for "Holy," tune CW 372*)

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is He
Who in God's name is coming
To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with His blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).)

M: In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Latin for "Lamb of God,"*)

(John 1:29)

The image displays three staves of musical notation for the Agnus Dei. The first staff is in 4/4 time, G major, and begins with a red 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The third staff is in 4/4 time, D major, and contains the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the".

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS or ELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the congregation will sing **CW 349 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin for “Now Dismiss,” tune CW 372*)

(Luke 2:29-32)

**O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen Your promised
 Incarnate, saving Word—
 A Light that will enlighten
 All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
 The brilliant, crowning glory
 Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

PRAYER

M: Blessed are You, Almighty God, for You have shown Your faithfulness to us and granted us places at Your Table once again, where we have been fed and nourished by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain the blessings of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that come to us through this holy meal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

THE CLOSING HYMN CW 623 vs. 3

**Grant that we Your Word may cherish
And its purity retain.
Lord, unless You are the builder,
All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without You
Soon will crumble into dust.**

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Landenberger

Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Voters' Meeting at 10:45 AM
Church Picnic at Noon

Monday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—VBS Staff Meeting at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

John Lester has posted the VBS registration form on New Life's website at <http://newlife-wels.org/vbs.htm> VBS is first and foremost for the kids of New Life. The easiest way to register your child / children for VBS is via the website.

The nominees for church council are John Landenberger, Steve Flunker and Blair Freeman.

The WELS Connection video will be viewed after the service this morning.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—40
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