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Pastor Marschhausen

OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our
neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our
transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Pastor Marschhausen

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY *Reverend Johnson*

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People **And your glory all the day long.**

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Reverend Johnson

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our

salvation. Let us come before his presence

with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to

him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,

* and a great King above all gods. In his hand

are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights
of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he
made it, * and his hands have molded the dry
land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of
his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his
voice!

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Reverend Johnson

PSALM 80:7-14 *Qui regis Israel*

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its
shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one
God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be forever. Amen.

Reader from Concordia

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved

my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield wild grapes?
 And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
 I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
 I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briers and
 thorns;

I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness,
 but heard a cry!
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

THE HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,
 for the beauty of the skies,
 for the love which from our
 birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

*Christ, our God, to thee we
 raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the wonder of each hour
 of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale and tree and
 flower, sun and moon and
 stars of light: *[Refrain]*

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
 for the heart and mind's
 delight, for the mystic
 harmony linking sense to
 sound and sight: *[Refrain]*

4 For the joy of human love,
 brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth, and friends
 above; for all gentle thoughts
 and mild: *[Refrain]*

5 For each perfect gift of
 thine, peace on earth and joy
 in heaven; for thyself, best
 gift divine, to our world so
 freely given: *[Refrain]*

Reader from St. Mary's

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to
 be confident in the flesh, I
 have more: circumcised on
 the eighth day, a member
 of the people of Israel, of
 the tribe of Benjamin, a
 Hebrew born of Hebrews;
 as to the law, a Pharisee; as
 to zeal, a persecutor of the
 church; as to righteousness
 under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had;
 these I have come to regard
 as loss because of Christ.
 More than that, I regard
 everything as loss because
 of the surpassing value of
 knowing Christ Jesus my
 Lord. For his sake I have
 suffered the loss of all
 things, and I regard them as
 rubbish, in order that I may
 gain Christ and be found in
 him, not having a

righteousness of my own
 that comes from the law,
 but one that comes through
 faith in Christ, the
 righteousness from God
 based on faith. I want to
 know Christ and the power
 of his resurrection and the
 sharing of his sufferings by
 becoming like him in his
 death, if somehow, I may
 attain the resurrection from
 the dead. Not that I have

already obtained this or
have already reached the
goal; but I press on to make
it my own, because Christ
Jesus has made me his
own. Beloved, I do not

consider that I have made it
my own; but this one thing
I do: forgetting what lies
behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal

for the prize of the
heavenly call of God in
Christ Jesus.
Hear what the Spirit is
saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Reader from Concordia

Canticle Q A Song of Christ's Goodness *Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to
you; you are gentle with us as a mother with
her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and
judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our
wounds, in sickness you nurse us and with
pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new
life; by your anguish and labor we come
forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet
goodness; through your gentleness, we find
comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, your
touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; in your
love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and
forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven, may
your love prepare us.

Deacon Fedorchak proclaims

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There
was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it,
and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to
tenants and went to another country. When
the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves
to the tenants to collect his produce. But the
tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed
another, and stoned another. Again, he sent
other slaves, more than the first; and they
treated them in the same way. Finally, he
sent his son to them, saying, 'They will
respect my son.' But when the tenants saw
the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the
heir; come, let us kill him and get his
inheritance.'" So, they seized him, threw him
out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now

when the owner of the vineyard comes, what
will he do to those tenants?" They said to
him, "He will put those wretches to a
miserable death, and lease the vineyard to
other tenants who will give him the produce
at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in
the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God
will be taken away from you and given to a
people that produces the fruits of the
kingdom. The one who falls on this stone

will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest

him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.
The Gospel of our Savior.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Pastor Marschhausen

THE HYMN *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever and our confidence alone.	2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.	3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.	4. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise, and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!
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THE APOSTLES’ CREED *Reverend Johnson*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS *Pastor Marschhausen*

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.
People: And listen to our prayer.
Leader: Let us pray.
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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from St. Mary's leads

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation *especially Francis of Assisi*. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today *especially those on our parish prayer lists*. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pastor Marschhausen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reverend Johnson

PRAYER: WAKE US, O GOD

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and

lead us, by your grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

Pastor Marschhausen

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of
uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your
holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the
world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,

break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow
in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in
common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be
restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written "to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission" during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray, Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most gracious God, we
praise you for the tender
mercy and unfailing care
revealed to us in Jesus the
Christ and for the great joy
and comfort bestowed upon
us in the gift of human
love. We give you thanks
for *N.* and *N.*, and the
covenant of faithfulness
they have made. Pour out
the abundance of your

Holy Spirit upon them.
Keep them in your
steadfast love; protect them
from all danger; fill them
with your wisdom and
peace; lead them in holy
service to each other and
the world.

God the Father, God the
Son, God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep
you, and mercifully grant

you rich and boundless
grace, that you may please
God in body and soul. God
make you a sign of the
loving-kindness and
steadfast fidelity manifest
in the life, death, and
resurrection of our Savior,
and bring you at last to the
delight of the heavenly
banquet, where he lives and

reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Johnson leads

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS *(Leader and People)*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console; to be understood as
to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING *Pastor Marschhausen*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that you may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE HYMN *How Firm a Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?	2. “Fear not, I am with you oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, up held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”	3. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”	4. “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
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Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.
People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 5 – 10

Mon – Oct 5

Ezekiel 19:10-14

1 Peter 2:4-10

Psalm 144

Wed – Oct 7

Song of Solomon 8:5-14

John 11:45-57

Psalm 144

Fri – Oct 9

Isaiah 22:8b-14

James 4:4-10

Psalm 23

Tue – Oct 6

Isaiah 27:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Psalm 144

Thu – Oct 8

Isaiah 22:1-8a

1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Psalm 23

Sat – Oct 10

Isaiah 24:17-23

Mark 2:18-22

Psalm 23