

**The Season** The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. This part of the Church Year focuses on *Jesus' Grace Is All In All To Us*.

**The Sunday** Unbelief mocks and says that if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn't allow misery and need in the first place. But especially in need and suffering God does all things well; that truth is the center of the Christian's quiet confidence. It is the reason for his hope based on the promises of God and earned for us by the work of Christ and its eternal consequence for us.

**Opening Hymn**

*Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul* Hymn 238



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let  
 2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor  
 3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis  
 4 He fills the poor with good; He  
 5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to  
 let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -  
 he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my  
 gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments  
 made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
 thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.  
 sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.  
 for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.  
 truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.  
 Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

*Stand*

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

**C:** Amen.

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**CONFESSION OF SINS**

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**Morrison Zion  
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 Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran  
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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
 as we  
**Gather**  
 around the Gospel  
 to help people  
**Grow**  
 in the Gospel  
 and  
**Go**  
 with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### Song of Praise

*All Glory Be to God on High Hymn 263:1*

I All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has our  
race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall  
now come nigh; The strife at last is end - ed. The  
Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to  
all the earth; Oh, thank him for his good - ness!

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.  
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Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR (87 87 887) attr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, alt.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson

### Isaiah 35:4-7a

This reading depicts our spiritual needs in physical terms. Physical weakness and trouble mirror the absolute need in which we were born. Troubles, fears, weaknesses of every sort are often God's rich blessings; for they drive us to despair of our own strength and understanding and to be more ready to receive from his Word ears that hear and eyes that see. The reading is a promise of just such help from the Messiah, who alone can solve that absolute spiritual need and who alone rules over the physical reflections of that need so that they are turned to blessing. Yes, he does indeed do all things well!

<sup>4</sup> Say to those with fearful hearts,

“Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,

he will come with vengeance;

with divine retribution

he will come to save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened

and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,

and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness

and streams in the desert.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,

the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.(NIV)

**Psalm of the Day** The congregation will sing the refrain and read the verses together

**Psalm 146**



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*

the maker of heaven and earth.

*Refrain*

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*

the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*,

and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*

He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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## Second Lesson

**Acts 3:1-10**

The (apparently) infrequent miracles of the apostles after Jesus' ascension served to confirm and attest their apostolic office and authority; that is, they were designed to get the attention of the people for the Word that Christ had given them to proclaim. So this man's years of suffering and pain are overwhelmed by the gift of God in a healing that brought him to praise the Savior in whose name he was healed. It also amazed those who saw or heard what had happened to the man. While God does

not promise such miraculous healing—most of those begging at the temple gates were not healed—he nevertheless often keeps much suffering from our door, delivers us from such other suffering as he permits to enter it, and preserves us to endure when relief is not soon at hand. The purpose of all three is that we may praise him for his goodness in weal and woe so that others may see in our strength a reason to listen to the Word of the Lord. The witness of suffering Christians no less than that of those delivered from suffering is a powerful pointer to the Savior and his Word.

**3** One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

**6** Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. **9** When all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.  
(Philippians 4:4)

*Stand*

## Gospel

**Mark 7:31-37**

That Jesus does all things well is, of course, biblical understatement. Consider just how well he does all things. There is nothing mechanical in his manner or method. He takes into account this individual’s very individual needs. The poor man is frightened and comprehends nothing of what the crowd is doing with him. But Jesus understands. Jesus deals with even the momentary fear of the man most gently. That is how he always deals with us, one at a time, with perfect understanding and compassion. He allows the needs that we need and then helps and strengthens and ultimately delivers us at just the right moment and in just the right way. (Notice again Jesus’ command after he has helped and healed; he wants no publicity to get in the way of his march to the cross and the ultimate help and salvation that he will win there for us.)

**31** Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. **32** There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### Apostles' 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.

*Be Seated*

Hymn of the Day:

*Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him* Hymn 235



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark  
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.  
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

## Sermon

Mark 7:31-37

### Grace Leads Us To Trust That God Does All Things Well

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

### Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

### Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## Words of Institution

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.**

### *Be Seated*

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith and warns us against the dangers of not understanding what communion is, we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing.

## Distribution

### *Be Seated*

## Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

*Be Seated*

### Closing Hymn

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Hymn 353:1

1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800-79.

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