

# Eighth Sunday After The Pentecost

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"Learning From Jesus, part 4"  
*Matthew 13:44-52*

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## Opening Hymn - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1John 1:8

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** John 20:21-23

**Kyrie** (Lord, have mercy) *Mark 10:47*

Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth

Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus birth

We praise and bless you Father Your holy name we sing

Our thanks for Your great glory Lord God our heavn'ly king

To You, O sole begotten the Father's Son we pray O Lamb of God, our Savior You take our sins away

Have mercy on us, Jesus Receive our heartfelt cry

Where You in power are seated At God's right hand on high

For You alone are holy You only are the Lord Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Collect for The Eighth Sunday After The Pentecost** (short prayer before hearing the Word)

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

**Readings From Holy Scripture**

**Old Testament Reading -**

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

A This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading -**

**Romans 8:28-39**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died- more than that, who was raised- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as

sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading -**

**Matthew 13:44-52**

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

### **Sermon Hymn – The Church's One Foundation**

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- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

**Hymn – Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

LSB 922

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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**Prayers of the Church**

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who while he was with us, walking among us, taught us to pray:

**C 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.**

**Benediction Song**

(based on Numbers 6:24-26)

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit Keep our hearts and minds within His love

*Chorus*

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding And this grace which makes us what we are  
And this fellowship of His communion Make us one in spirit and in heart - *Chorus*

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"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

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