

...your  
people  
shall be my  
people,  
and your  
God  
my God.

Ruth 1:16, NRSV

October 13, 2019

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus. Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. “Go and show yourselves to the priests,” for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is “at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks” (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you “find rest, each of you in the house of her husband” (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has “visited his people and given them food” (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely “the word of God is not bound” (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ. We thank God today for Randy Laurenz help us lead worship, as well as our choir.

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC

<i>“The Lamb”</i>	Coleman
<i>“I Love to Tell the Story”</i>	Hankey
<i>“Father, I Adore You”</i>	Coelho
<i>“I Saw the Light”</i>	Williams

#### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

#### PASTORAL WELCOME AND GREETING

#### OPENING HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,  
They fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Refrain**

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Bible says that if we don't confess our sins and our Savior, we won't be forgiven.

**People: But, if we confess both of them, God will forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: So, I ask you before God:

Do you confess to the Heavenly Father your sins that you have committed?

Do you trust that Jesus died on the cross, suffering hell there, to forgive all of your sins?

Will you ask the Holy Spirit to make you gratefully, more like Jesus?

Then, answer, "Yes!"

**People: Yes!**

Pastor: Having confessed your sins and your Savior, Jesus Christ, I as your pastor sent by God, announce to you that your sins are all forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Ruth 1:1-19a, 2 Timothy 2:1-13

CHOIR ANTHEM *"This Is Amazing Grace"*

Riddle, Wickham, Farro

APOSTLES' CREED

MEMORY VERSE "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

SERMON HYMN "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*"

Lord the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

SERMON "*Following Through Ruthlessly or Gratefully and Faithfully*"

Ruth 1:1-16a

OFFERING "*Glorify Thy Name*"

Adkins

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "*I'll Fly Away*"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

**Chorus: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. **Chorus**

Just a few more weary days, and then I'll fly away.  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. **Chorus**

## POSTLUDE

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Musicians</b>	Randy Laurenz, Tami Mosher
<b>Elder/Reader</b>	Dale Rohde
<b>A/V</b>	Paul Bohn
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Hutfilz, Dave Little
<b>Greeters</b>	Don & Bernice Beach
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeanne Kade

### **Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 95 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$3,964 = Loose Plate \$128, Envelopes \$3,396, Mission \$25, Maintenance \$96; Cap Prj. \$35. Thanks to all who donated to Resources for Rachel. A total of \$319 was collected.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** Oct 19- Dwight Clapp, Chris Peacock, Jim Schultz, Delaney Seeburger; Oct 20- Jane Tessin; Oct 21- Dominic Werry; Oct 22- Candace Baccary, Adam Coty; Oct 23- Diane Schultz, Craig Hilbrandt; Oct 24- Cramer Laurenz, Bonnie Neuenfeldt.

**Voters meeting** will be held following the service this morning in the church. All confirmed members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend.

**Congratulations** to Don and Gertie Schomaker who celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 8. They were married on Don's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Birthday wishes to Don as he celebrates his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday also!

**Valley Lutheran High School Parent Organization** is hosting a Fall Bazaar & Cookie Walk on Saturday, November 9 from 9am-3pm. There will be a wide variety of vendors and cookies available. Lunch will also be available from 11am-1pm. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Patti Blazejewski at 989-780-2306 by October 18.

**Volunteers Needed!** ~ On **Saturday, Oct. 19th** a semi of food is coming from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for us to distribute. Since there is a LWML meeting at Zion that day, the semi will deliver at St. Peter. We need volunteers to sort and package food into boxes to be given away. The more volunteers we have the faster we will get done. Questions?? See Paul Bohn.

**LWML Rally** will be hosted by Zion on Saturday, October 19. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Registration from 8:30-9 am. Cost is \$6. A police department will be giving a presentation of a K9 unit. Muffins and coffee will be served as well as a luncheon. We need salads and desserts for the luncheon. A signup sheet is in the narthex. Please have desserts/salads to the church by 10 am. See Millie Parker for more information.

**Chicken Dinner** ~ St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hemlock, will have their Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 20, serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the gymnasium of our school, 2440 N. Rauchholz Road, Hemlock. Chicken dinner with all the trimmings; pie for dessert. Donations are: \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children ages 5-12; ages 4 and under are free. Take-outs are available. Take-out parking and plenty of handicapped parking will be available.

**The Roosevelt House** ~ A newly licensed 20 bed assisted living community at 17935 Roosevelt Rd. in Hemlock invites you to an open house on Sunday, October 20 from noon to 5 pm and Monday, October 21 from 10 am -5 pm. Music, refreshments, door prizes, tours and more information about the facility. Home manager, Brooke Kackmeister, can be reached at 989-642-4663. [www.TheRooseveltHouse.com](http://www.TheRooseveltHouse.com)

**Worship And Event Center Dedication** ~October 27, 2019 ~ St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth will hold a dedication service for its new 800-seat facility, the St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center. The service will take place October 27 at 2 p.m. and will feature a praise team, mass choir, brass and wind instruments, and Girls of Grace dancers. For more information, contact the church at 989.652.6141.

**Bazaar and Bake Sale** ~ Saturday, November 2 from 8:30am -2:30pm. St Mark Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale. Over 30 vendors. Luncheon available. Free Admission. 2565. N Miller Rd (corner of River Rd), Saginaw. Info or table rental: 989-781-3205.



## Ruth 1:1-19a (ESV)

1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, 5 and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. 7 So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, 13 would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15 And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." 18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. 19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is

this Naomi?"<sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

## 2 Timothy 2:1-13 (ESV)

2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

## Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."