

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Fond du Lac
Order of Worship: September 10/12/13, 2020 (Pentecost 15)

Hymn: 471

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from your holy face.

Destroy in me the lust of sin; From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood.

Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only you may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.

Greeting, Confession, and Absolution *(Please stand.)*

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

C: **Amen.**

M: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

M: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: **We lie and do not live by the truth.**

M: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.** *(1 John 1:5-8)*

All: **Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your child.
Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away all my guilt. For his
sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let
me serve you all my days.**

M: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Teach us, O Lord, to delight in your law, to follow your decrees, and to walk in your paths. Turn our eyes away from worthless things and our hearts from willful sin, that we may know the sweetness of your Word, the peace of your forgiveness, and the joy of the redeemed, both now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-20 (*excerpts*)

You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. You are long-suffering -- think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.

2nd Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God --this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all

have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Verse of the Day: *(Pastor)*

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart. Alleluia!
(Jeremiah 15:16)

All Sing: 171 v. 6

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Please stand.)

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-26

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Confession of Faith: *Explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed*

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly

and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated.)

Hymn: 469 v. 1-5

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Sermon

Hymn: 461 v. 1-2, 6

From Eternity, O God

From eternity, O God, In your Son you did elect me.
Therefore, Father, on life's road Graciously to heav'n direct me;
Send to me your Holy Spirit That his gifts I may inherit.

Born alive but dead in sin, Lost to all good things by nature,
I was found and changed within And became a new-born creature.
Sinful flesh works ruination, But the Spirit works salvation.

Help me speak what's right and good And keep silence on occasion.
Help me pray, Lord, as I should; Help me bear my tribulation.
Help me die and let my spirit Everlasting life inherit.

Prayers and 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.

M: God be merciful to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us.

C: **that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

(Psalm 67:1,2)

M: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

C: **Be honor and glory forever and ever.**

(1 Tim. 1:17)

M: Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. *(2 Cor. 13:11)* May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Cor. 13:14)*

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 467 v. 1, 4-6

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.

May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self abasing - This is victory!

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.