

DIVINE DISCIPLINES

When We Pray

14th Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2026 – 9:30 AM

AS WE GATHER

In the middle of a book about troubles (The book of Lamentations) comes a beautiful statement about who we are and about who God is. And right in the middle of that is the statement, "It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD" Why is the discipline of stillness important? Because right in the middle of our everyday troubles comes a promise found in that stillness...Stillness that steadies hearts that are tempted to hurry or worry.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

THE LORD GOD IS OUR RESCUER AND PROTECTOR

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

P: If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the Lord, who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you...

C: "Because he loves Me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him;

P: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show Him my salvation."

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Lord God Heavenly Father,

C: Our everyday words and actions are not always in sync with Your call for how we are to live our lives as Your people. We are so often focused only on our own feelings and on the things we want for ourselves. We often fail to consider what our neighbor may need. We make poor choices. Selfishness stands in the way of faithfully using Your gifts to serve You. Forgive our sins, dear Lord, for Jesus' sake. Give us new joy in following You and serving others. Amen.

(silent moment for meditation)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WE SING

"Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me"

LSB 722

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

²²Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; ²⁶it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. ²⁹Let him bury his face in the dust there may yet be hope. ³⁰Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. ³³For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. ³²Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love. ³³For He does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

SECOND READING

Psalms 37:3-9

³Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. ⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret, it leads only to evil. ⁹For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed, or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

KIDS' TIME

MESSAGE

"Covered With Dust"

Pastor Jason Rensner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH – NICENE CREED

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF BLESSING AND THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WE SING

"Jesus, name above all names"

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WE SING DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

"Still Waters (Psalm 23)"

"He Will Come And Save You"

"He Is Exalted"

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE PRAY (Prayers of the church)

WE SING

"Lead On, Good Shepherd"

CLOSING BLESSING

P: 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 His favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

You can give online memoriallutheran.net or drop in the offering boxes located throughout the worship center.