

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Has Faith...*

The Sunday Faith trusts in God’s power completely. No matter how impossible the problem, faith believes that God can and will help. Faith like that, given by the Holy Spirit, is not reserved exclusively for the direct descendants of Abraham. Rather, the gift of faith comes to every heart in the spiritual House of Israel. The believer has faith that trusts in God’s great power.

Opening Hymn *Seek Where You May to Find a Way* CW 395:1-3

1 Seek where you may To find a way
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;
 3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,
 That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is
 None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers
 Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him
 stilled; On Christ I build— He is the
 failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,
 first, All you who thirst For grace that
 one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His
 and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our
 fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek
 works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He
 ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.

Text: Georg Weiszel, 1590–1635, abr.; tr. Arthur P. Voss, 1899–1955, alt.
 Tune: SUCH, WER DA WILL (447 447 44 447) Johann Stobäus, 1580–1646, alt.

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Our mission is to
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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 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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Joshua 5:13-6:5,20

Standing before those huge walls, the instructions from the Lord must have seemed ridiculous. Yet the Lord had given his word. By faith the Israelites trusted the Lord's marching orders and in spectacular fashion our faithful God delivered the city into their hands. Here was a chilling lesson for the people of Jericho. The Lord is all powerful and exacting in his judgment. Yet at the same, let us not forget his grace in the life of Rahab. What a lesson God teaches us at Jericho: He is all-powerful and exacting in his punishment, but boundlessly merciful to those like Rahab who cling to his promises in faith. By faith, a foreigner is brought into the House of Israel.

¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

¹⁴ "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

¹⁵ The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

6 Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

² Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴ Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵ When you hear them sound a long blast on the

trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

²⁰ When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 142 CWS

Refrain



I cry a-loud to the Lord; I raise my voice to God; I
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God: Lord, have mer-cy.

Psalm Tone



I cry aloud to the LORD;
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.
I pour out my complaint before him;
before him I tell my trouble.

I cry aloud to the LORD;
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.
I pour out my complaint before him;
before him I tell my trouble.

When my spirit grows faint within me,
it is you who know my way.
Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me.
I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

Refrain

I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”
Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;
rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

Set me free from my prison,
that I may praise your name.
Then the righteous will gather about me
because of your goodness to me.

**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

Second Lesson

James 1:2-12

How difficult it is to rejoice in the midst of trials! Yet, the Christian does just that. For the heart of faith knows that the Lord uses trials to strengthen our trust in him and will doubtlessly give generously, even an eternal crown of life. Put your faith in him who has spoken it, and it is done.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position.

¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.
(NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105)

Stand

Gospel

Luke 7:1-10

Another miraculous catch of fish brings the disciples scrambling to worship at the feet of their Savior. He appeared in power, to assure them of his presence and providence for what lay ahead. The risen Lord still comes with power through Word and sacrament, assuring us of his forgiveness, promising his Spirit for lives of faithful service, and guaranteeing our resurrection to eternal life

⁷ When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this," ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." ⁶ So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost CW 190



1 We now im - plore God the Ho - ly Ghost
 2 Shine in our hearts, O most pre - cious Light,
 3 O sa - cred Love, grace on us be - stow,
 4 O high - est Com - fort in ev - 'ry need,



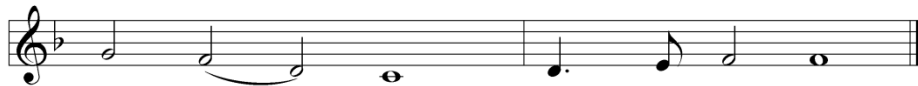
For the true faith which we need the most,
 That we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,
 Set our hearts with heav'n - ly fire a - glow
 Grant that nei - ther shame nor death we heed



That in our last mo - ments he may be -
 Cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each
 That e'en then our cour - age may nev - er



friend us And, as home - ward we jour - ney,
 bought us, Who a - gain to our home - land
 oth - er, Of one mind, in peace with ev -
 fail us When the foe shall ac - cuse and



at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 'ry broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite.
 Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

Stand

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.**

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

Hymn

God Loved the World So that He Gave CW 391:6

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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