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DEDICATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

DEDICATION OF HOME SCHOOL TEACHERS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Paul Manz

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

Hymn 861

(Turn and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary.)

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Enoch was known for walking with God. (Genesis 5:22) Our walk with the Lord is primary. It is our personal relationship with the Lord who loves us and gave Himself for us.

People: **“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”** (Colossians 2:6-7)

Pastor: Our Lord graciously invites us to humble ourselves and come before Him in truth and honesty. Therefore, let us confess our sins and receive the cleansing of our hearts as only the Almighty and Merciful God can do.

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Pastor: Holy Father,

People: **We confess that we have not always walked with You. We have tried to be our own gods and go our own ways. Rather than being rooted and built up in the faith, we have neglected Your Word, succumbed to temptations, and dwelled on worldly doubts. Instead of abounding with thankfulness, we have often grumbled and complained. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us our sins and grant us new grace today. Cleanse our hearts and fill us with Your Spirit, that we may walk in Christ’s ways and bring honor to His Name. Amen.**

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I have good news for you. Your Heavenly Father is full of mercy and His love never fails. He has sent His only begotten Son to live a perfect life on this earth, and to die on the cross for the punishment our sins deserve. Risen from the dead, Christ comes to us today with fresh grace and forgiveness, that we may abound with thankfulness and generosity. Therefore, as a servant of the Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.** (Galatians 2:20)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Walking, Rooted, Built Up in Christ”
(Tune: O Morning Star, LSB 395)

Thomas Schulteis

**Walking, rooted, built up in Christ:
We give Him glory, thanks and praise
For His abundant mercy.
God, Creator, who made all things,
He sent His Son, redeeming us
From death to life eternal.
Thank Him! Praise Him!
For creating And sustaining Faith within us;
Lord, we give You all the glory!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 2:6-7

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CHORAL ANTHEM

“Canticle of Praise”
(Summer Choir)

Victor C. Johnson

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:25-30

Leader: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

Hymn 691

SERMON

“Rooted in the Heart of Christ”

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Take My Life and Let It Be” (vv. 1-3)

Hymn 783

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.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE “Take My Life and Let It Be” (vv. 4-6)
(Offerings brought forward)

Hymn 783

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.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

***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.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (vv. 1 & 4)

Hymn 685

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher

The Rev. Steven M. Braun

Liturgists

The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Vicar Harrison Hulse

Organist

Thomas Schulteis

Sound Technician

Rodney Steffen

Elder on Duty

Janet Hostler

Lectors

Dr. Ken Rogers, Krista Bernthal

Greeters

Brittin Locke, Lilliann Witcher

Crucifer

Aaron Woods

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Ushers

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