

opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Sermon Hymn: 596 Let Me Be Yours Forever

Sermon: The Spirit Leads Us

1. To Believe
2. To Speak

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Distribution Hymn: 455 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 218 Then the Glory

Ushers: This Week – Zack Vogel & Alex Vogel
Next Week – Hunter Boettcher & Jeremy Foltz

Greeters: This Week – Frank & Sue Kramer
Next Week – Richard & Elaine Engelhart

The new greeter and usher schedules are being worked on. Please let Kelly Vogel or Pastor Swanson know if you would like to be added or removed.

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Opening Hymn: 343 Christ is the World's Light

Prayer of the Day:

M: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Genesis 3:8-15

So God calls to each of us each day, each moment, but most pointedly in the service: where are you? Are you hiding even now when he calls you to repentance? Will you come forward and confess it all? He waits. He warns with threats that he has carried and carries out still. He invites and entices with the promise of the woman's Seed. You have no need to hide; you have every reason in the world,—and in what comes after this world—to confess it all and to embrace what the woman's Seed has come to bring. The questions and answers in Eden are still the only ones in all the world that matter.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.' ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 51a p. 86

Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

"All this is for your benefit!" That's how seriously God takes the whole business of where you are and where he wants you to be not only in this life, but in the life to come. If God has nothing more important on his mind than your salvation, what could be more important on your mind? Whatever it might be, it is merely temporal, merely seen, and its greatest purpose is the moment. So the paradox: We fix our eyes on what is unseen; everything seen gets put into its proper place as either serving the goal of better seeing the unseen or making us long to reach the unseen goal God has set for us in heaven. So, where are you?

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporal, but what is unseen is eternal.

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)*

Gospel - Mark 3:20-35

Those who do not want to hear the Word and those who reject God's total claim on them in the law and the gospel despise the Word and the one who brings it. Regardless of their feelings to the contrary, they will not be forgiven their rejection of the Spirit's pleadings. Ah, but those in whom he works a hearing, look what he gives! Each one (note the switch to the singular in the last verse!) becomes Jesus' brother or sister or mother—as though he had only one, and you are that one! Where are you in this circle of people in the gospel lesson? Are you outside of it, refusing submission to the law and therefore despising the grace in the gospel? "Unforgiven" is the dread verdict! Or are you inside of it, mourning over sin and rejoicing to be his dear brother, sister, mother? Ah, what grace!

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan