

Martin Luther Chapel Lutheran Church, Pennsauken, NJ / 6 Mar 2019

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Acolyte: (Primary) Martin / (Alternate)

Sermon Text: *John 10: 22 – 30*

I and the Father Are One

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me,^[a] is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Footnotes:

- a. [John 10:29](#) Some manuscripts *What my Father has given to me*




Lectionary Summary:


The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “*they will never perish*” (John 10:28), for “*no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand*” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “*care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28), “*testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “*Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!*” (Rev. 7:10).

Sermon Title: “Proof”

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus

 **stood in the Temple** that day,
 just as He **stands in our midst** this day,
 **freeing mankind** from the cruelty and captivity of sin, death and the power of the devil.

 Self-righteous and self-justifying people demanded signs and wonders as proof that God:

 **exists;**





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 **loves** mankind;
 **heals** the sick;
 **is able to restrain and repress** evil;
 **and can bring the dead back to life.**

 While God **continues to free His people** from the consequences and effects of sin,

 stiff necked and hard hearted people demand signs
† of their choosing
† at times of their convenience
† and in places where they can pass judgment as to their
‡ authenticity,
‡ validity
‡ and completeness.

 People fashion an image of God they
† desire, expect, demand
† and Jesus will not:
‡ measure up;
‡ fill the bill;
‡ and comply with all their requirements.

† The Son of Man did not
‡ throw off the yoke of their Roman oppressors,
‡ establish a monarchy greater than King David and King Solomon,
‡ free them from the extravagances of King Herod,
‡ or give the Pharisees, Sadducees or the scribes the proper respect and honor due them.
‡ So they blasphemed Him,
‡ claimed He was demon possessed
‡ and His power and authority was from the devil.

 Their unbelief ignited hatred when He:





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 **equated Himself to God;**
 **claimed** to be able to unite all people to God through Himself;
 **and declared** the power to give not just life but eternal life.
 And this on top of:
† insisting they must
 ✠ eat His body and drink His blood
 ✠ to have true and eternal life;
† proclaiming to forgive sin;
† eating and having fellowship with tax collectors and sinners;
† and distaining their piety and the laws of the elders.

 For that reason, they again rose up to:
† kill Him;
† wipe out His ministry of preaching, teaching and healing;
† and rehabilitate His disciples in the proper observation of the Torah.

 Unbelief, rebellion and lawlessness not only have deadly consequences but are their own punishment in this life.

Jesus **looks** at us, individually and collectively, and **calls us again** to
 listen, see, and believe
 His **teaching**
 and His **works**.

 The King of kings **knows the Father**:
 **loves us** as He loves Him:
 **sealed us** with His holy name
† and **joined us** to Jesus in holy baptism
† where we passed with our risen LORD
† from death to true and eternal life;
 **placed us** safely and securely in His hand;
 **gave us** the right to be called children of God;


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 and **gave all God's holy ones** the Holy Spirit who
† **sustains, strengthens, safeguards** our faith
† while **comforting** us in the one true Church
† as He **conforms us more and more** into our Savior's image.

 The Incarnate Word **speaks plainly** to us through God's chosen means of grace:
Word and Sacrament.

 The Prince of Peace **gave** us His prayer with which
 our heavenly Father **holds us lovingly and securely** in His hand
 **graciously receiving** our:
† praise and adoration;
† thanksgiving for His **rich and abundant daily provision** for body and
spirit;
† **forgiveness** of our sins as we forgive others;
† **conferring** His lavish mercies even this morning with which we in no way
deserve;
† **provides** holy weapons to fight off the devil's plots and schemes;
† and **delivers us** from the clutches of sin, death and the evil one.

 The Lamb of God **gathers us to His table,**
 having **prepared** all things
 that we would
† feast on His body
† and drink His blood
 in which the Holy Spirit **strengthens us**
† in the one, true faith
† to life everlasting.

 The beloved Son **calls us** to gather in fellowship
 where our voices join in
† steadfast love for God and fervent love for one another,
† comforting and encouraging one another

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✠ amidst the trials and afflictions we encounter
✠ as we bear our cross
✠ in His love
✠ on the path of righteousness.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus **confronts us** with

✠ the blind, deaf and dying
✠ who stand in judgment
✠ of God and His church.

✠ The Good Shepherd **calls us to faithfully proclaim** the Gospel to them, **desiring all would:**

✠ grieve of their shameful demands;
✠ repent from their rebellion and lawlessness;
✠ confess all justly deserve temporal and eternal punishment;
✠ petition our heavenly Father
✠ for mercy and forgiveness
✠ in His name;
✠ acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit that
✠ **renews** the new creature in Christ
✠ while **drowning** the old sinful creature;
✠ and delight that **His will** is
✠ to **take us** by the hand
✠ as He **leads us** upward
✠ to our heavenly Father's home.

✠ Jesus **comforts us with the assurance**

✠ He **walked** this path,
✠ **endured** the scoffing and abuse of ungodly and unbelieving men,
✠ with **His death upon the cross**
✠ He **opened** to us the Kingdom of God

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† here in time at this altar

† and there in eternity

 at His table where all our enemies now kneel defeated before Him,

 and **prepared our room** in our heavenly Father's house.

 We are **His living proof** He **sends again** from here

 into a dark and dying world

 that they would believe that He is

† the **Christ**,

† the **Son of God**,

† and have **life in His name**.

Amen and Amen.