

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SONGS OF ASCENSION

July 29, 2018

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

God cares for us, but we aren't always aware of it. When Jesus stilled the storm that was hindering the disciples in the boat, all they saw was His power, and they were terrified. But when other people saw Him, they recognized a healer and brought the sick to Him. God always cares, of course; the rainbow is a reminder He won't flood the earth again—out of care for us. In today's Epistle, Paul prays that God's love in Christ would fill us. God will do that; He cares that much for us. We ask today that God would strengthen us to care for the people around us. May they see His love through our caring.

PRE-SERVICE "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"

Instrumental

WELCOME



✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING SONG "Here I Am To Worship"

Hughes

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with You.**

**CHORUS: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. CHORUS**

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. CHORUS**

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(Please Stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

People: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

ALL: **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.**



CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at
(314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(OR)

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You,
People: **strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 9:8–17* (God promises in a covenant never

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:14–21* (Paul prays that God would empower his readers so that they reflect God’s love in their daily living.)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:45–56* (Jesus stills the storm and heals the sick.)

The congregation is invited to read the scripture in bold

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, **“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”** ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.
 People: Praise to You, O Christ.



APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790, v. 1*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
 Joining in glad adoration!**

SONG OF THE DAY “Songs of Ascension” (ranked #2)

“How Great Thou Art” *LSB 801*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

**REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **REFRAIN**

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **REFRAIN**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” **REFRAIN**



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world, all people in their various circumstances, and ourselves as we respond to God’s Word.

For God’s people as they find opportunities to spread the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, our Lord, dwell in their hearts through faith that they have strength to comprehend Your love and be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Pastor: For people in every land when faced with harm and danger from natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Creator God, see the bow in the clouds and remember Your covenant with all living creatures. Use Your almighty power to protect us and all the descendants of Noah from flood—and from fire and wind, quake and drought—that we give You praise for this good earth.**

Pastor: For ourselves and those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, open the eyes of all who are dealing with a sudden crisis or chronic ills in their lives or in those for whom they care. Open the eyes of all who call out to You that they recognize You in their midst. Cause caregivers to bring the sick into Your loving power; grant comfort and health as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

Pastor: For nations and governments, armed forces and local police and first responders, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Heavenly Father, You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Order the powers that be in all the nations of this world that all people are granted peace and dignity, justice and freedom. Guide all in authority, and protect all who work for peace, that here and everywhere praise and thanks come before Your gracious throne.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

People: **To You be glory in the Church throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

LSB 549 (tied #28)

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.**

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

LSB 209

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

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS "The Table"

Tomlin/Cash/Jolley

I will feast at the table of the Lord

I will feast at the table of the Lord

I won't hunger anymore at His table REPEAT VERSE

CHORUS 1: Come all you weary come and find

His yoke is easy His burden light

He is able He will restore

At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord

I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord

There is healing at the table of the Lord

Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table CHORUS 1

**I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God**

**CHORUS 2: Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
At the table of the Lord**

**I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table**

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“Good, Good Father”

Brown/Barrett (tied #27)

**I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone**

**CHORUS: You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am**

**I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word. CHORUS X2**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us X2**

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love. CHORUS X2**

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “Even So Come”

Tomlin/Ingram/Cates

**All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon**

**Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon**

**CHORUS 1: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon. CHORUS 1**

**So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon**

**CHORUS 2: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing . . .
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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