

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## SONGS OF ASCENSION

July 22, 2018

11:00 am



### AS WE GATHER

We live in a divisive world. There are so many things out there that can divide us, including political viewpoints, race, gender, age, fashion, and many more. There are wars, conflicts, and rumors of war floating around every day in the news. In the Epistle, Paul speaks of a dividing wall of hostility. We have many such walls. Yet in Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. The walls that divide us are toppled over, and Christ makes peace between nations and peoples by His own blood. We are now one Body, one Church, serving under one Lord. May God's peace reign in your life and break down any walls that divide you from God or from others.

**PRE-SERVICE** "The Table"

*Instrumental*



**WELCOME**

✂ **PREPARATION** ✂

**OPENING SONG** "10,000 Reasons" Redman

(tied #20)

**CHORUS:** Bless the Lord O my soul. O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before. O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes **CHORUS**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **CHORUS**

*Interlude*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **CHORUS X2**

**Worship Your holy name**  
**Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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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.**



**CONFESSION 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. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

**People:** Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

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** *Jeremiah 23:1–6* (God warns lazy, divisive shepherds of their future and promises a righteous branch to reign as King over His flock.)

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 2:11–22* (Christ makes peace and breaks down all dividing walls by His cross.)

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create

in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 6:30–44* (Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

*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.**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And he said to them, **“Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.”** For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup> But he answered them, **“You give them something to eat.”** And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, **“How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”** And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup> Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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)*



**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 #3)

"In Christ Alone"

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**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

**Here in the pow'r of Christ we stand.**

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### **SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*



### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all families and family relationships, especially those that are strained by division, that God would break down the dividing walls of hostility and reconcile people to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For all immigrants and refugees, that they be welcomed to their new homes and not treated with hatred and hostility, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For all pastors who shepherd their congregations, that they not scatter their flock, but serve faithfully under our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*(Special Petitions)*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises.

People: Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” H. Smith LSB 806 (tied #24)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.**

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## ✠ 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

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

People: Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** “Sweetly Broken”

Riddle

To the cross I look, to the cross I cling  
Of its suffering I do drink  
Of its work I do sing

For on it my Savior both bruised and crushed  
Showed that God is love  
And God is just

**CHORUS:** At the cross You beckon me  
You draw me gently to my knees, and I am  
Lost for words, so lost in love,  
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered

What a priceless gift, undeserved life  
Have I been given  
Through Christ crucified

You've called me out of death  
You've called me into life  
And I was under Your wrath  
Now through the cross I'm reconciled **CHORUS**

In awe of the cross I must confess  
How wondrous Your redeeming love and  
How great is Your faithfulness **CHORUS X2**  
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“You Are God Alone (Not A God)” Foote

(tied #23)

**You are not a god created by human hands.  
You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.  
You are not a god in need of anything we can give.  
By Your plan, that's just the way it is.**

**You are God alone — from before time began  
You were on Your throne; You are God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on Your throne. You are God alone.**

**You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.  
You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.**

**You're the only God whose power none can contend.  
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end.  
You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give.  
You are God —that's just the way it is.  
You are God alone — from before time began**

**You were on Your throne; You are God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on Your throne. You are God alone.**

**You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.  
You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.**

**You are God alone — from before time began  
You were on Your throne; You are God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on Your throne. You are God alone.**

**And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on Your throne. You are God alone.**

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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** “Your Grace Is Enough” Maher (tied #26)

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.**

**CHORUS:** **So remember Your people, remember Your children,  
remember Your promise O God.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. CHORUS**

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me. CHORUS**

**Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

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**POSTLUDE** *Instrumental Music*

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