

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6 & 7, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it” (Hebrews 2:1). These words from today’s Epistle are spot-on. In a culture that is quickly drifting away from the values we once held sacred, it’s imperative for us, as the people of God, to hold firmly to the Word we have heard. Today as we gather to listen to God’s Word and receive His gifts of grace, we are drawn close to the Redeemer, who has given His life in exchange for ours. Only in our relationship with Christ will we ever be made complete—members of His eternal kingdom, sons and daughters of our King. Once we see how our true identity is found in Jesus, we can better understand our unique roles in the relationships with one another that He has given to us.

## PRELUDE

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



**WELCOME**

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**OPENING HYMN** “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

*LSB 490*

**Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!**

*(Please Stand)*



## 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.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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. [John 20:19–23]  
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 ✠

**KYRIE** — *Lord, Have Mercy (sung)* *LSB 152*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
People: **Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end.  
**People:** **Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight;**

**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 READING** *Genesis 2:18–25* (The Lord designs man and woman to find completion in each other.)

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 2:1–13* (All things exist for Jesus, who is crowned with glory and honor.)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE 5:00 PM**

*LSB 156*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**ANTHEM 8:15 AM** “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Handbell Choir*



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10:2–16* (Jesus affirms God’s gift of marriage and blesses the children who are brought to Him.)

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

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.2**

<sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”** *LSB 740, v. 1*

**I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”** *LSB 685*

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**

**Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.**

**Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**



## **SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Prayer*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the growth of God's kingdom of grace, that we live out our identities as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, created to be Your own.**

**Pastor:** For the Christian Church, both here at Ascension and assembled in congregations throughout the world, that we be one as our God is one, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, redeemed and restored in Christ.**

**Pastor:** For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they find joy in their callings, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, blessed by those who serve and lead.**

**Pastor:** For all husbands and wives, moms and dads, daughters and sons, and every member of every Christian family, that we live out our unique vocations in joy and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, set apart to bless one another in Christ's love.**

**Pastor:** For all public servants, including those who serve in the government and in our armed forces, that they would find refuge in the strong arms of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, guarded and shielded by Your presence.**

**Pastor:** For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they find restoration in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, ever in need of Your healing mercy.**

*(Special Petitions)*

**Pastor:** For these and all other concerns we have, that our gracious Father would answer the petitions of His people, the Bride of Christ, for the sake of Him who is our Bridegroom, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: Father, we are Your family. Grant that our lives reflect who You are and what You have done to make us Your own. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**8:15 AM** "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (Come, Holy Spirit)

*Ascension Choir*

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “What Shall I Render to the Lord” *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19* LSB 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**

**In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**



**✠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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all Your people. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, He welcomes all who trust in Him to enter with Him into His kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** — *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

LSB 162

**LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 162

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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. *Matthew 6:9-13***

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

LSB 163

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

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** — *Lamb of God John 1:29*

LSB 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** “O Father All Creating

LSB 858

**O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love and pow’r  
First bound two lives together In Eden’s primal hour,  
Today to these Your children Your earliest gifts renew:  
A home by You made happy, A love by You kept true.**

**With good wine, Lord, at Cana The wedding feast You blessed.  
Grant also these Your presence, And be their dearest guest.  
Their store of earthly gladness Transform to heav’nly wine,  
And teach them, in the testing, To know the gift divine.**

**O Spirit of the Father, Breathe on them from above,  
So searching in Your pureness, So tender in Your love  
That, guarded by Your presence And kept from strife and sin,  
Their hearts may heed Your guidance And know You dwell within.**

**Unless You build it, Father, The house is built in vain;  
Unless You, Savior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.  
But nothing breaks the union Of hearts in You made one;  
The love Your Spirit hallows Is endless love begun.**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev’ry thing to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear -  
All because we do not carry Ev’ry thing to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

*LSB 424*

**O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.**

**No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.**

**No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.**

**When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.**

**O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.**

*(Please Stand)*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*LSB 164*

**Thank the Lord and sing His Praise, tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia!**



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

*LSB 166*

**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.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*LSB 803*

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowr's before Thee. Praising Thee, their sun above,  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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