

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 7, 2018

11:00 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.

## PRE-SERVICE

*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)*



## 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 ✠

#### 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)*



**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.**

1 त्यस ठाउँलाई छोडेर यर्दन नदीको पारि यहूदियाको इलाकामा येशू जानुभयो र भीड उहाँकहाँ भेला भयो, अनि उहाँको रीतिअनुसार तिनीहरूलाई फेरि उहाँले शिक्षा दिनुभयो।

2 फरिसीहरू उहाँकहाँ आएर उहाँलाई परीक्षा गरी सोधे, “के कोही मानिसले आफ्नी पत्नीसँग विवाहविच्छेद गर्नु न्यायसङ्गत छ?”

3 उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई जवाफ दिएर भन्नुभयो, “मोशाले तिमीहरूलाई के आज्ञा दिएका छन्?”

4 तिनीहरूले भने, “एउटा त्यागपत्र लेखेर मानिसले आफ्नी पत्नीसँग विवाहविच्छेद गर्न सक्छ भनी मोशाले अनुमति दिएका छन्।”

5 तर येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरूका हृदयको कठोरताले गर्दा उनले तिमीहरूलाई यो आज्ञा लेखिदिए। 6 तर सृष्टिको आरम्भदेखि परमेश्वरले तिनीहरूलाई नर र नारी गरी बनाउनुभयो। 7 यसैकारण मानिस आफ्ना बुबा र आमालाई छोडेर आफ्नी पत्नीसँग मिलिरहनन्छ, 8 र ती दुई जना एउटै शरीर हुनेछन्। 9 तिनीहरू फेरि दुई होइनन्, तर एउटै शरीर हुन्छन्। 9 यसकारण परमेश्वरले जसलाई एकसाथ जोड्नुभएको छ, मानिसले नछुट्याओस्।”

10 घरमा हुँदा चेलाहरूले फेरि यस विषयमा येशूलाई सोधे। 11 उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “जसले आफ्नी पत्नीसँग विवाहविच्छेद गरेर अर्कोसँग विवाह गर्छ, त्यसले तिनको विरुद्ध व्यभिचार गर्छ। 12 अनि यदि स्त्रीले आफ्नो पतिसँग विवाहविच्छेद गरेर अर्कोसँग विवाह गर्छ भने, तिनले व्यभिचार गर्छ।”

13 मानिसहरूले साना बाल-बालिकाहरूलाई येशूले छोइदेऊन् भन्ने उद्देश्यले उहाँकहाँ ल्याए, तर चेलाहरूले तिनीहरूलाई हकारे। 14 तर यो देखेर येशू रिसाउनुभयो, र तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “साना बाल-बालिकाहरूलाई मकहाँ आउन देओ, तिनीहरूलाई नरोक, किनभने परमेश्वरको राज्य यस्तैहरूको हो। 15 साँच्चै म तिमीहरूलाई भन्दछु, जसले परमेश्वरको राज्यलाई एउटा सानो बालकले जस्तै ग्रहण गर्दैन, त्यो कदापि त्यसभित्र पस्नेछैन।” 16 अनि उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई काखमा लिएर तिनीहरूमाथि आफ्नो हात राखी तिनीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिनुभयो।



## APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 158

**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.**

### विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता,  
स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।  
अनि उहाँका एकलो पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।  
उहाँ पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।  
कन्या मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।  
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।  
ऋसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।  
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो ।  
आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।  
तेश्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।  
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।  
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि  
बस्नुभएको छ ।  
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको  
न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्माथि,  
पवित्र विश्व मण्डलीमाथि,  
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,  
पाप मोचनमाथि  
शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि  
र अजम्बरी जीवनमाथि । आमेन ।

*(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.**

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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**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 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**

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” Scholtes

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity, May one day be restored**

**CHORUS: And they’ll know we are Christians, By our love by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians, By our love**

**We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand  
And together we’ll spread the news, That God is in our land CHORUS**

**We will work with each other, We will work side by side  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side  
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity, And save each man’s pride CHORUS**

**All praise to the Father, From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one CHORUS**

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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 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.**

हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्ने पिता,  
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र गरिओस्  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस् ।  
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा भैँ यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस् ।  
हाम्रो दिनभरिको भोजन आज हामीलाई दिनुहोस् ।  
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं ।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा नल्याउनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस् ।  
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदा सर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन् । आमेन ।

## 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* ” Maichel

**Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
And have mercy on us. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.  
Have Mercy on us, O Lamb of God. Grant us your peace we pray.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be thine!**

**Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice  
And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard**

**PRE-CHORUS:     And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You  
                          And through it all, through it all, it is well  
                          And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.**

**And far be it from me to not believe Even when eyes can’t see  
And this mountain that’s in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea**

**PRE-CHORUS:     And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You  
                          And through it all, through it all, it is well  
                          And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well.**

**It is well . . .**

**So let go, my soul, and trust in Him  
The waves and wind still know His name   REPEAT X3**

**The waves and wind still know His name**

**CHORUS:     And it is well with my soul It is well with my soul  
                  It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.   REPEAT CHORUS**

**It is well, it is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul**

**PRE-CHORUS:     And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You  
                          And through it all, through it all, it is well  
                          And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me**  
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*(Please Stand)*



**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 SONG** “I Will Follow”

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;  
I will trust in You alone.  
Higher than my sight, high above my life;  
I will trust in You alone.**

**CHORUS: Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.**

**Light into the world, Light into my life;  
I will live for You alone.  
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find;  
All I need in You alone. In You alone. CHORUS**

**In You, there's life everlasting.  
In You, there's freedom for my soul.  
In You, there's joy, unending joy;  
And I will follow.**

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow.  
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.**

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**POSTLUDE** *Instrumental Music*

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