

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13 & 14, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



AS WE GATHER

Has a friend ever asked, “Why do you go to church?” While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: “For we share in Christ” (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn’t primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is present with us through His Word and Sacrament this day, we are privileged to share in the blessings of the blood-bought forgiveness and Easter-sealed life our Father gives to us. So, the next time someone asks you why you attend church, let them know about the Savior you encounter and get to know every time you gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. We have come to share in Christ!

PRELUDE

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



WELCOME

□ **PREPARATION** □

OPENING HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915

**Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav’n.**

**Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.**

**O all embracing Mercy, O ever open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o’er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:14*

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
People: **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**



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: That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

(We reflect on God's Word and our great need for Jesus.)

Pastor: Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:

People: **Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of 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.**

□ **WORD** □

HYMN OF PRAISE "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" *LSB 941, v. 1*

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us,
People: **help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

(Seek the Lord that you may live.)

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . . ¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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



EPISTLE *Hebrews 3:12–19* (We have come to share in Christ.)

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17–22*

(Jesus responds to a man seeking to inherit eternal life.)
(The congregation is invited to read the scripture in bold)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “**Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?**” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do

not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.”²⁰ And he said to him, **“Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”**²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the 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 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 “God of Grace and God of Glory” LSB 850

**God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**



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. Lord of the Church, You reveal Yourself wherever Your Word is proclaimed in all the world. Grant that all souls burdened by sin and guilt find salvation in You. That we proclaim Christ to all those for whom He gave His life, guide us here at Ascension and Your people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **we share in Christ, the Lord of the nations.**

Pastor: Your Word, O Lord, commands us to pray for those in authority and in leadership over us. Bless this land in which we live. Grant that all those who govern us do so diligently. Grant that all those who enforce our laws do so wisely. Grant that all those who serve us do so wholeheartedly. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **we share in Christ, upon whose shoulders our government rests.**

Pastor: Faithful healer of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, and spiritually. [*Especially we pray for . . .*]. Grant that their hearts and minds be guarded in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **we share in Christ, our merciful and healing Lord.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)



□ 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. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalms 136*]

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Through faith in Him whose blood sets us free, we have come to share in all the blessings He freely offers to all who are welcomed to His Table. 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*

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
(Please Be Seated)**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

LSB 555

Salvation unto us has come By God’s free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain. Our guilt was e’er increasing.
None can remove sin’s poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart
So deep is our corruption.

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonements made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed.
For You have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see Your word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!” No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

LSB 683

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be thou alone my constant flame.

O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.

In suff'ring be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!

(Please Stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *LSB 919, v. 1 & 2*

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**



BENEDICTION *Psalm 90:14*

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
People: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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 HYMN “‘Come Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

**“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.**

**“I am the light, I light the way A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**

**“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, On Him I call.**

**“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**

POSTLUDE

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