

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 14, 2018

11:00 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!

PRE-SERVICE

Instrumental



WELCOME

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING SONG “Glory to God Forever”

Fee/Beeching

**Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,
You were the King of kings - yeah, You were, yeah You were!
And now, You're reigning still, enthroned above all things;
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing:**

**CHORUS: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!**

(Interlude)

**Creator, God, You gave me breath, so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!
So, let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King! CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours.
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours.
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF SAMUEL GORDON BOWER

LSB pg. 268

(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 ☩

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.**



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.**

SONG OF THE DAY "One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)" Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

**Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.**

Interlude

**Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.**

**Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.**

**On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains. One thing remains.**

**Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.**

**In death, in life, I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid; There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
SING X2**

**Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.**

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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. 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 “Give Me Jesus” Camp

**In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.**

**CHORUS: Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, Give me Jesus.**

**When I am alone, When I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone, Give me Jesus. CHORUS**

**When I come to die, When I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus. CHORUS**

**Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world...
You can have all this world...
You can have all this world...
Just give me Jesus.**

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✠ 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. [*Psalm 136*]

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

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*

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 “Death Was Arrested”

Kersh/Smith

**Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began**

**CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You**

**Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began CHORUS**

**Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began CHORUS**

**Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began REPEAT BRIDGE**

**When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began**

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“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought, Found me when I sought Him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

(Please Stand)



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 SONG “The Way”

Peens/Dryden/Camp/Williams

All creation cries out with longing
With groans only You can comprehend
And with wisdom You always answer
And give the words of life
So unfailing

And Your glory shines all around us
Your faithfulness shown for all to see
When we think of all of Your wonders
The beauty of Your plan that's been revealed
When we walk in Your light
When we walk in it

CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way

We can see the works of Your loving hands
With the hope and peace not made by man
When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy
And You held out Your arms
So we could see You bleed for all mankind
And set the captives free yeah **CHORUS**

Na na na na na nah, Jesus.
Na na na na na nah You are the Way
Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah

CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
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Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus You are the Way. You are the Way

Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way. You are the Way.

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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