

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21, 2018

11:00 am



## AS WE GATHER

Our Creator has woven the gift of rest into the fabric of His creation. If God Himself enjoyed His day of rest, His Sabbath, shouldn't we? Rest isn't a good work that we do to please God. Rest is the absence of our work; it's receiving the grace that is offered to us through Christ's work on the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter. Today our gracious Father invites us to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, sharing in the benefits of what His Son has done. Jesus has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active Word and as He prepares His Table of grace for you to enjoy.

## PRE-SERVICE

*Instrumental*



**WELCOME**

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**OPENING SONG** "Seek Ye First" Lafferty

*AGPS 207*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!**

**Allelu, alleluia!**

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## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Hebrews 4:9–10*

**Pastor:** There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

**People:** **for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 11:28*

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: Today our Father invites us to enter into His presence and experience the gift of His rest. Let us come before Him in repentance and faith.

*(Silence for meditation upon God's Word and our need for Christ's forgiveness.)*

Pastor: Holy God, merciful Father,

**People: too often we pull away from the peace You promise to Your children. Forgive us for the ways in which our thoughts, our words, and our actions go against Your will for our lives. For our neglect of You and Your gift of grace, we ask for mercy. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross has secured our place in Your kingdom, renew us and lead us that we may rest in Your presence. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Receive the rest for your souls that only Jesus' work has secured. As your pastor, I announce God's saving grace to 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. O God, our Creator, You set in order all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of Your children.

**People: Grant that we rest from our labors and receive the peace Your Son has given;**

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** *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20* (We rejoice and rest in the gifts of God.)

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 4:1–13* (There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,”” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10:23–31* (How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!)

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

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

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and

said to him, "Then who can be saved?"<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,<sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life."<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



## NICENE CREED

**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.**

## SONG OF THE DAY "Jesus Messiah"

Carson/Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

**He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

**CHORUS: Jesus Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

**His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing. CHORUS**

**All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
all the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. CHORUS**

**Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.  
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.**

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## SERMON

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## 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 advancement of Christ's kingdom, that we be strong in the Lord and strive to enter into His rest and share this rest with others, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**Pastor:** For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries (*especially . . .*), and other servants of the Church, that their work be a reflection of Christ, whose work enables us to have peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**Pastor:** For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country (*especially . . .*), that our Savior, upon whose shoulders the government rests, grant them wisdom, comfort, and satisfaction in their labors, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**Pastor:** For all who are broken in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially . . .*], that the Lord would bind up their wounds and grant them full healing and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

H. Smith

LSB 806

**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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## ✠ 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*

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### 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)*

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy, Holy, is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. REPEAT**

**CHORUS: Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come;  
With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!  
You are my everything, And I will adore You!  
Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be. To You the only wise King. CHORUS**

**Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name;  
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath, and living water; such a marvelous mystery. CHORUS X2**  
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“The Table”

Tomlin/Cash/Jolley

**I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table REPEAT VERSE**

**CHORUS 1: Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord**

**There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table**

**There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table CHORUS 1**

**I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God**

**CHORUS 2: Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
At the table of the Lord**

**I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table**

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**BENEDICTION** *Hebrews 4:9–10*

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

**People: for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

Pastor: in His presence, we continue our day and begin our week with His blessing: 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** “What A Friend”

Maher, Parker, Palmer, Hein

**Everybody has trials and temptations. Everybody knows heart break isolation  
But we can lay our burdens down. Lay our burdens down**

**CHORUS: What a friend we have in Jesus.  
East to west my sins are gone  
I see grace on every horizon  
And forever and ever His heart is my home**

**Everybody has fears everybody got worries. Everybody knows sorrow devastation  
But we can lay our burdens down. Lay our burdens down CHORUS**

**No more betrayal for He is faithful. He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and over**

**No more betrayal for He is faithful. He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and over (over and oh) CHORUS X2**

**Forever and ever His heart is my home.**

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**POSTLUDE** *Instrumental Music*

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