

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Sermon for October 9/10

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SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Word of Life Lutheran School

WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES
5:00 pm Saturday Worship
8:15 am Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

Separated for a time due to COVID, perhaps we have gained a deeper appreciation for life together in Christian community. As we gather together in worship, we are reminded that we find our sense of identity, belonging, and community first in Christ, and then in one another. A Lutheran understanding of worship celebrates that worship is not primarily about us and what we do, but rather it's God loving, forgiving, and serving us. As we gather for worship, rejoice in the gift of life together!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: I WALK BY FAITH

Chris Falson

I walk by faith -- each step by faith. To live by faith I put my trust in You.

I walk by faith -- each step by faith. To live by faith I put my trust in You.

Every step I take is a step of faith. No weapon formed against me shall prosper.

And every prayer I make is a prayer of faith. If my God is for me, who can be against me? REPEAT

I walk (I walk) by faith (by faith) -- each step (each step) by faith (by faith).

To live (to live) by faith I put my trust in You. REPEAT

I put my trust in You. I put my trust in You.

I put my trust in You. I put my trust in You.

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P I was glad when they said to me,

C "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Psalms 122:1

P Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

C not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,

P but encouraging one another,

C and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and word of the Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

[John 20:19–23]

P 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.

C Amen.

(or)

A 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.

C Amen

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Father in Heaven, you have given us the gift of life together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

C Grant that we always treasure the gift of Christian community, so that we find joy as members of the body of Christ;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

- 1 परमप्रभु मेरा गोठाला हुनुहुन्छ, मलाई चाहिएका सबै थोक म पाउँछु।
 2 उहाँले मलाई हरियो घाँसको चउरमा लेटाउनुहुन्छ र ताजा पानीले भरेको शान्त पोखरीमा उहाँले मलाई लैजानुहुन्छ।
 3 उहाँले मलाई नयाँ बल दिनुहुन्छ, आफ्नो प्रतिज्ञाअनुसार उहाँले मलाई ठीक बाटोमा डोर्याउनुहुन्छ।
 4 घोर अन्धकारका बीचबाट भएर जानुपरे पनि हे परमप्रभु! म डराउनेछैनँ किनभने तपाईं मेरो साथ हुनुहुन्छ, तपाईंको गोठालाका छडी र लाठोले मेरो रक्षा गर्छन्।
 5 मेरा शत्रुहरूले देख्ने गरी तपाईंले मेरो निम्ति भोज तयार पार्नुहुन्छ मलाई आदरणीय पाहुनालाई झैं स्वागत गर्नुहुन्छ र मेरो कचौरा पोखिज्जेल भरिदिनुहुन्छ।
 6 म जान्दछु कि तपाईंका भलाइ र प्रेम मसँग जीवनभरि रहनेछन् र म बाँचुज्जेल सदासर्वदा तपाईंको घर मेरो घर हुनेछ।
- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:23–25

- ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- ²³ हामीले आफूमा भएको आशालाई थाम्नुपर्छ र आफ्नो आशा बारे, मानिसहरूलाई बताउन छोडनु हुँदैन। आफूले वचन दिनुभएको कुरा परमेश्वरले गर्नुहुनेछ भन्ने कुरा हामी पत्याउनसक्छौं।
²⁴ हामीले एक अर्कालाई विचार गर्नुपर्छ अनि प्रेम देखाउन र राम्रो काम गर्न हामी एक-अर्कालाई कतिसम्म सक्रियतापूर्वक उत्साहित गर्न सक्छौं त्यो हेर्नुपर्छ।
²⁵ हामीसँग भेट हुनाबाट तर्किनु हुँदैन। कतिपय मानिसहरू त्यसै गर्दछन्। हामीले एक अर्कालाई भेटनु र सघाउनु पर्छ, तिमीहरूले यसै गर्नुपर्छ किनकि दिन अझै नजिक-नजिक आउँदै छ।

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:28–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- ²⁸ मकहाँ आऊ। ‘जो थकित औ कष्टले दबिएकाहरू हो! म तिमीहरूलाई आत्माको निम्ति विश्राम दिनेछु।
²⁹ मेरो कामकुरो ग्रहण गर अनि मबाट सिक, म विनयी र विनम्र-हृदयको छु। अनि तिमीहरूले आफ्नो आत्मामा विश्राम पाउनेछो।
³⁰ हो, मेरो काम ग्रहण गर्न सजिलो छ। तिमीहरूलाई दिइने भार हलका छ।”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SONG VERSE: JESUS LOVES ME *LSB 588 st. 1* 8:15 and 11:00 am

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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SONG OF THE DAY: CHRIST BE MY LEADER

LSB 861

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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SERMON

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of life together in Christian community. Let our worship be full of joy as our ears hear your Word, our mouths sing your praise, and our hearts cleansed by your forgiveness.

C LSB 649 st. 1



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.

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P By Your Holy Spirit, protect us this day from the assaults of the devil. Equip us with the full armor of God, that we may be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, bearing the sword of the spirit, which is Your Word. Keep us all in safety and security from the forces of the evil one.

C LSB 649 st. 2



2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;



Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.

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P Lord of life, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today [*including* _____]. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain.

C LSB 649 st. 3



3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,



And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.

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P All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior;

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

Due to COVID-19 we will not be passing an offering plate. Please place gifts and offerings in the wooden box in the narthex. You can also give online as a one-time gift or reoccurring donation. Simply click "Online Giving" at www.ascensionstl.com.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

LSB 806

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the soprano range. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score concludes with a final cadence on the tenth staff.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.

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 Christians 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.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

(Please stand)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ,

तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,

तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।

हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।

हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,

जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।

हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,

तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।

किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमिन्।

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

✠ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✠

SONG: DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Adam Kersh/Paul Taylor 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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SONG: 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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(Please stand)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

A We are people loved by Christ;

C **Sharing Christ's love.**

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: RISEN TODAY

Shust/Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!
Sons of man and angels say Hallelujah!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Hallelujah!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done, Hallelujah!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Hallelujah!
Death in vain forbid Him rise, Hallelujah!
Christ has opened paradise!

CHORUS: Hallelujah! He is risen!
Hallelujah! our sins have been forgiven.
Now, we have power over the grave.
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Lives again our glorious King, Hallelujah!
Where O death is now thy sting, Hallelujah!
Dying once our souls to save, Hallelujah!
Where thy victory O grave? CHORUS

All creation sings: Hallelujah,
The King is risen!
Glory to the name of our risen Lord!
Let all the earth proclaim: Hallelujah,
Our sin's forgiven!
Glory to Your name forevermore! CHORUS

We have power over the grave! Christ the Lord is risen today!
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