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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, August 14, 2022 11:00 AM

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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)

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TREE OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

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AS WE GATHER

As our summer sermon series, “The Tree of Life,” comes to a close this weekend, we focus our attention on the heavenly Tree of Life. John writes about this tree in Revelation chapter 22:1-3, “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.” We look forward to eager anticipation to this eternal, ever-living tree of life!

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.

CHORUS: Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me
When the world’s “all as it should be.” Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. CHORUS

You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will ever say, Lord, blessed be Your name.
You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will ever say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.
Blessed be Your name.

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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 *Isaiah 11:1; Matthew 19:21*

P There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
C **and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

P The tree of life:
C **God's promise of salvation.**

P The One who was seated on the throne said,
C **"Behold, I am making all things new."**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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.**

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 Let us pray.
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:16-29*

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Revelation 21:1-8*

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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49 “म पृथ्वीमाथि आगो खन्याउन आएको हुँ, त्यो त बरु अधिबाटै सल्किसकेको भए हुनेथियो! 50 एउटा बप्टिसमा छ, जो मैले लिनुपर्नेछ। त्यो पूरा नहोउञ्जेल म अति व्याकुल छु! 51 के तिमीहरू समझ्नुछौ कि म पृथ्वीमा शान्ति ल्याउन आएँ? होइन, म तिमीहरूलाई भन्दछु, बरु म विभाजन ल्याउन आएँ। 52 किनभने अब उसो एक परिवारमा पाँच जना एक-अर्कामा विभाजित हुनेछन्, तीन जनाका विरुद्धमा दुई, र दुई जनाका विरुद्धमा तीन। 53 तिनीहरूमा विभाजन हुनेछ— बाबुको विरुद्धमा छोरा, र छोराको विरुद्धमा बुबा, आमा छोरीको विरुद्धमा र छोरी आमाको विरुद्धमा, सासू आफ्नी बुहारीको विरुद्धमा, र बुहारी त्यसकी सासूको विरुद्धमा।”

54 उहाँले भीडलाई पनि भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरू पश्चिमतिर बादल उठ्दैगरेको देखेर झट्टै भन्दछौ, ‘पानी पर्ने रहेछ,’ र त्यसै हुन्छ। 55 जब दक्षिणी बतास चलछ तब तिमीहरू भन्छौ, ‘गर्मी हुनेछ, र त्यसै हुन्छ। 56 एकपटी हो! तिमीहरू आकाश र पृथ्वीका लक्षणहरू बताइदिन सक्छौ, तर वर्तमान समयको अर्थ लाउन किन जान्दैनौ?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट विउँतनुभयो ।
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
जहाँदेखि उहाँ
जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।
म विश्वास गर्दछु -
पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्लेसियामाथि,
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि आभिन ।

(Please Be Seated)

I God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
Refrain
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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SONG OF THE DAY: 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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SERMON

BACK TO SCHOOL MILESTONE: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR ASCENSION'S 2 YEAR READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of You holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord God Almighty, behold our nation and all those in authority in Your mercy and replenish them by Your grace, that all who receive the sword would bear it according to Your Word, always inclining to Your will and walking in Your way. Grant that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, grant healing to the sick, [*especially to _____,*] strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, Your Son promises division even as He promises salvation. Inspire our hearts to prize our Baptism and the communion of the saints, even as we fervently pray and strive for the salvation of those we know and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of our fathers, You bless Your Church with the enduring witness of Your saints, who now rest from their labors. As we join their heavenly communion in our Lord's Supper, grant that we would share their faith in Christ now and to life's end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

- P** Hear us, most merciful Father, in these our humble requests, which we offer unto You in the name and for the sake of 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)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "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: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

LSB 783 v. 1, 4 & 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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(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 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*

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.**

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.**

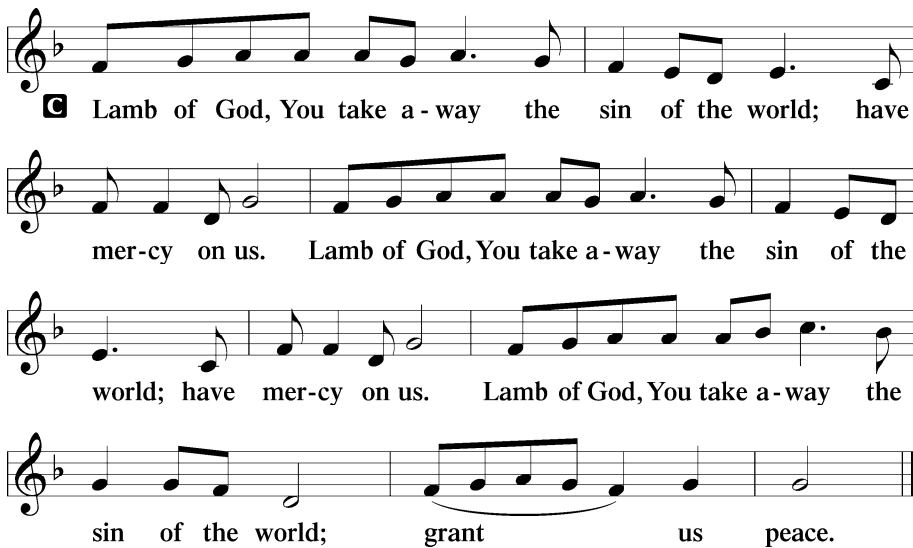
LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको ाच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै ास 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।

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen

AGNUS DEI John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please Be Seated)

‡ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ‡

REVELATION SONG Riddle

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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WHO YOU SAY I AM Fielding/Morgan

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me. Oh His love for me

CHORUS 1: Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God. Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me

CHORUS 2: Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God. Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God. Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken. I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am REPEAT BRIDGE

I am who You say I am CHORUS 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God. Yes I am

I'm a child of God. Yes I am
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(Please Stand)

BENEDICAMUS

P We are people loved by Christ
C **Sharing Christ's love.**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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: **AWESOME IS THE LORD MOST HIGH** Pierce/Tomlin/Reeves/Abel

Great are You Lord mighty in strength, You are faithful, and You will ever be.
We will praise You all of our days, It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome is the Lord most high.

Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know.
We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high. X2

Hallelujah Hallelujah.Hallelujah.

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POSTLUDE

Instrumental

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