

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31 & August 1, 2010

WORDS OF WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN # 733 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(Please rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Set your minds on things that are above,

People: **where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

Pastor: For you have died,

People: **and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** *Colossians 3:1-3, adapted*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us pray and confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **We confess to you, O God, our old, fallen nature of sin, and all our earthly ways that offend you, for which we deserve nothing but your wrath. Lift our eyes, our minds, and our spirits that we may gain the vision and mind of Christ and, in your forgiveness, be filled with the fruits of your good Spirit. Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is all, and in all. *Col. 3:11* Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE page 187 **"Glory to God"**

COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; 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)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 (*Vanity of earthly gain*)

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-11 (*Putting on the new self*)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 (*Parable of the rich fool*)

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #537

"Beautiful Savior"

SERMON

"Life Under the Son"

Ecc. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

(Please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED (*found in the back of the hymnal*)

(Please be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. Thank you.

(Please rise)

PRAYERS

Pastor: We lift up our hearts and present to God our prayers and praises and our petitions for the whole Church and for the world. Praise and thanksgiving to you, Almighty God our heavenly Father, for your whole creation, for our earthly lives, but especially also for our new heavenly life which you have given the world in the eternal life and victory of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We join Dave, Diane and Jeanette in praising you. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to live above earthly things and concerns, looking forward to the glory revealed to us in Christ, not neglecting our daily responsibilities but making whatever we do, in word and deed, done in thanksgiving to you and to your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear the prayers of all who are in sickness or any need especially: Steve, Cindy, Samuel, Emily, Dorothy, Jeannine, Jerome, and Nicole. Comfort those who mourn including Robin and Ken. Give your healing and your gift of patience from above that they may continually look to you as their life and help. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Come Sanctifier, almighty and eternal God, and bless the elements prepared to glorify your holy name, that receiving the body and blood of your Son, your people may dwell in Christ both here and above. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI page 180 **"Lamb of God"**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

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HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

HYMN #633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Stanzas 1-4

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: For life and health and daily bread,

People: we praise Your name, O Lord.

Pastor: For the new eternal life by faith in Christ,

People: we praise Your name, O Lord.

Pastor: May we keep seeking the things above where Christ is.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #797 "Praise the Almighty" Stanzas 1,3,5

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