

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In the Meantime  
November 9 & 10, 2019

### AS WE GATHER

Only a few Israelites in Moses' time remembered the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the meantime, they were languishing in their servitude. But God had plans for their freedom; He would take them to a land of milk and honey. The Church after Jesus' ascension was impatiently awaiting His return. In the meantime, they had to deal with a pagan society and even false teachings within their group. But our Lord's promise to return is sure, validated by His resurrection from the dead. For those who have gone before us, the meantime is over; they live to God in eternity. In the meantime, that sure promise of gracious blessings in eternity and our Lord's presence with us now carry us through to the day when we join them around the throne. Meanwhile, today is another day on which to join the psalmist and praise the name of the Lord.

### WELCOME

"[The last] day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire,  
and the elements will melt in the heat.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward  
to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness."  
(2 Peter 3:12b-13, NIV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Rise)

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**"God of Our Fathers"**

LW #501

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies;  
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence  
Make your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to neverending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before your face.

### VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

**People: who is to be remembered throughout all generations.**

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: When God called out to Moses from the burning bush, Moses hid his  
face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**People: We, having sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and  
deeds, cannot come into God's presence as we are, helpless in  
our fallen sinful condition. Forgive us, almighty Creator.**

Pastor: When God promised Moses that he would serve Him on Mount  
Horeb, Moses asked to know the name of God.

**People: And we, who bear the name of God from our Baptism, have  
failed to reflect His grace, love, and mercy in our daily living.  
Forgive us, gracious Savior.**

Pastor: When God told him to go to Pharaoh, Moses could only say, "Who  
am I that I should go?"

**People: We have put our personal desires ahead of God and the people  
around us. Forgive us, strengthening Spirit.**

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

Pastor: God promised Moses that he and the Israelites, freed from slavery in Egypt, would worship on that mountain. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we have been freed from our sins. God now graciously invites us to worship Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE #559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"**

Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!

Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin made free,  
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given  
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.

Firmly to our soul's salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,  
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,  
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.

Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.  
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,  
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.

I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity.

**People: Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence;**

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.**

(Be seated)

### **☩ WORD ☩**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 3:1-15* (God calls Moses to tell Pharaoh to free the Israelites in Egypt.) Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.'" This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

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Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17** (Although evil will be a part of history until the Last Day, Jesus' return and our salvation are certain.) Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 ANTHEM**

*"Lillies in the Field"* (6-8)

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 20:27-40* (Those who die in faith remain alive in God's presence.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

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

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection,

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therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN #524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

## SERMON

### *"Moses and the Burning Bush"*

(Rise)

### NICENE CREED

**People:** 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.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

### 8:00 BELL ANTHEM

*"Give Thanks"* (4-8)

(Rise)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** O Lord, in the burning bush you revealed your mercy to Moses, and by the fire of your Word you continue to speak to us words of mercy, grace and love. Give to your people faith and confidence in your words and promises.

**People:** Bless us all to receive your Word with joy, trust in your promise of salvation in Christ, and show forth in our lives works that give evidence to the hope within us.

**Pastor:** O Lord, who will strengthen all people, use all of us to carry out your mission and help us to encourage one another in our vocation of love and service to our neighbors.

**People:** Give to your Church unity of faith, bless our Together in Mission partners, Pastor Ferry and family and Rachel Meyer, and raise up courageous ministers and lay leaders to guide your people through these difficult days.

**Pastor:** O Lord, we ought always to be thankful for your rich blessings to us and to our country. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; Tony, our governor; our legislators; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. We ask you to bless the members of our armed forces and also police, firefighters, emergency personnel, and disaster relief workers.

**People:** Deliver us from threats of violence, and teach us the way of peace.

**Pastor:** O Lord, as we consider our calling to be wise and faithful in the stewardship of this good earth and of all your blessings, grant us both thankfulness and sacrificial hearts.

**People:** Give us a generous heart, that we may faithfully support the work of Christ.

**Pastor:** O Lord, bless the sick with healing according to your will, bless the suffering with relief, bless the grieving with comfort and bless the dying with peace. Especially do we pray for Jean, Jerry, Nancy, Robert, Jonathan, Judi, Steve, Sharon, Bette, Nathan, Shirley, Mary, Cindy, Bill, Katie, Dolores, Russ, Herb, Sarah, Marge, Gladys, John, Arlene, Shirley and Sarah.

**People:** We trust in your gracious will to grant us all things needful for this body and life and to keep us in your care amid all these afflictions.

**Pastor:** O Lord, you are not a God of the dead but of the living. Bless Sharon as she remembers her dear loved ones, Richard and Renee, who have been gathered into your heavenly presence.

**People:** Receive our thanks for the witness of those who have passed on, and lead us that we may be found faithful with them.

Pastor: O Lord, you have set us apart as your own people and given us a place at the table of your Son. Grant to us the faith to receive this Holy Communion worthily.

**People:** Bless our fellowship at the table of the Lord, that we may rejoice in your grace, live lives of repentance, and bear the fruit of love in our lives.

Pastor: All these things we pray, O Lord, at the invitation of your Son, and trusting in His mercy we have confidence that you will hear and answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

##### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**People:** Amen.

##### AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

#### HYMN #611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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 heavens 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 forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven,  
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.

#### HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?  
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see the Lord is good.

### **HYMN #632 “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”**

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord God, our heavenly Father, you have again assured us of your great grace and mercy, strengthening us in body and spirit through this Sacrament.

**People:** **Keep us firm in the true faith that we rejoice as the people you have called to serve you freely each day until we join those who have preceded us into your eternal presence;**

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the great I AM—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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

### **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **CLOSING HYMN #534 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”**

Lord, enthroned in heav’nly splendor, First begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people’s head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow’r of Jesse’s stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Your off’ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain.

Life imparting heav’nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav’n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ris’n, ascended, glorified! Ris’n, ascended, glorified!

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