

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Warning and Encouragement for Today

October 12 & 13, 2024

5:00pm & 8:00am

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### AS WE GATHER

The call to faithfulness is itself both a warning against losing faith in God's promises and the encouragement to have confidence in the Lord. Scripture regularly reminds us that God is not out to trap us or confound us but uses the things of this mortal life to increase our faith in Him. Nowhere is that more felt than in the tension between the things of this life that appear so real and urgent and the things of the kingdom of God which are truly real and urgent. The promise is that if we have Christ, we have all things needful. The encouragement is to live out this promise with a lively and confident faith.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask beside Thee.

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In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him, Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me Since He deigns to love me.

Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r,  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.

8:00 Choir Only –

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

People: **who greatly delights in His commandments!**

Pastor: Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble  
confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Pastor: Holy and merciful Lord,

**People:** Your people come to you, humble of heart and repenting of their sins. We confess, Father, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to your service and live to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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. Thanks be to God.

**Pastor:** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

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

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Be seated)

#### **☩ WORD ☩**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15* (Hate evil; love good; seek justice.) <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! <sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 3:12–19* (Take care lest you fall into unbelief.)

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**5:00 CHILDREN'S CHIMES**      *"Jesus Loves Me"*

**8:00 CHOIR**                      *"Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester"*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Mark 10:17–22* ("What must I do to inherit eternal life?")

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

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

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Pastor:    This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**"Seek Ye First"**

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!

**SERMON HYMN #730**      **"What Is the World to Me"**

What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

**SERMON**

(Rise)

**OFFERTORY**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

**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.

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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 fellowship folder** 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 folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with compassion on Your Church. Protect your children from an evil, unbelieving heart that would lead us away from you into the deceitfulness of sin. By your Spirit's power, enable us to hold our original confidence firm to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord, God of hosts, keep us from hating those you send to reprove us with your law. Do not let us abhor those who speak your truth to us, that we might repent and live. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, your Son warns us against the danger of trusting in wealth and earthly goods. Give us hearts that are content with His promises and hands that are generous with our worldly possessions. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, in kindness remember the president of our country, our Congress and justices, and all who bear office in this land. Protect them from the temptations of power and wealth that would lead them away from their calling. Make their service a blessing to our land and its people. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord, have pity on Jackie, Jerry, Sheri, Charlotte, Carole, Wendy, June, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Ruth, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Danielle, Marlene, RoseMarie, Dorothy, Marga, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Vern, Cathy, Shirley, Sarah, and all your servants afflicted in body or soul. Satisfy them with your steadfast love in Christ, and grant health and healing in accord with your perfect will. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Loving Lord, bless the love of Nancy and Anthony Mysliwski as they celebrate their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this weekend. Guard and keep their marriage, letting it continue in joy for many more years. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Holy Lord, satisfy our longing hearts with your steadfast love here in the feast of Christ's body and blood, that we may rejoice and be glad in you all our days and into eternity. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the faithful of every time and place who heard your Word and held their confidence firm to the end. Keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may have our share with them in the eternal inheritance that you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **☩ SACRAMENT ☩**

#### **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: Glory to you, O Lord, glory and power and majesty and might, for in your goodness you created us for yourself and by your steadfast love and mercy you have kept us in this holy faith and fear, that with the saints who have gone before us with the sign of faith and with the angels and archangels we may join in the endless song of praise, glorifying you as God forever:

### SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

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

**People: Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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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.

(Be seated)

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### HYMN #589

#### “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.  
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to You forever!

Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;  
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;  
But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.

Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.  
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, Your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unailing!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.  
May Your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

#### HYMN #553

#### “O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire”

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creations mighty Lord,  
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:

How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin  
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.

But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;  
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.

O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride  
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!

All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

**HYMN #620 "Jesus Comes Today With Healing"**

Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.

He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursed tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.

On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, you have given yourself to us in  
this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in your faith and favor that we may live in  
you even as you live in us. May your body and blood preserve us in the  
true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of your name.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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