

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Warning and Encouragement for Today

October 13, 2024

10:30am

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

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

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Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

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Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness, shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

(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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever.
Sing praise...sing praise.

With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever.
Sing praise...sing praise....sing praise...sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever....forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise....sing praise...sing praise...sing praise
Sing Chorus twice

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.)

⁶Seek 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, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate 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.)

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(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.

¹⁷ 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?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

¹⁹ 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.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

²¹ 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.” ²² 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

“Shout to the North”

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus: Shout to the north and the south; Sing to the east and west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow’r of our awesome King of love.

Chorus

We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain;

We’ve been refined by the pow’r of His name.

We’ve fallen deeper in love with You. You’ve burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we’ll fly.

Chorus sung twice

Ending: Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

SONG DURING OFFERING *"To You, O Lord"*

(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 48th 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 Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 #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 tremor, Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

**Chorus: Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Repeat Chorus

Bridge: All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world...

Repeat Chorus

Ending: Jesus Messiah, You are Lord of all

“Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay.

Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

(Repeat song)

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

“Awesome God”

Praise Team: Verse Congregation: Chorus

**Chorus: Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God**

When He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord wasn't joking
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close
And so you'd better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God

Chorus

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath
He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God

Chorus - 2 times

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