

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

And I Will Give You Rest

October 19 & 20, 2024

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### AS WE GATHER

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

**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 #940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

(Rise) Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,

People: **God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.**

Pastor: When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,

People: **they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.**

Pastor: When there was no way out for us because of our sin,

People: **God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you see things from an eternal perspective,

People: **and we see things from a limited human perspective.**

Pastor: You are omniscient, knowing all;

People: **we are but mortal.**

Pastor: In many and various ways you spoke to your people in the past, using the prophets as your mouthpieces.

**People: Your people often disobeyed and provoked your wrath.**

Pastor: When you bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,

**People: and you denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.**

Pastor: Today, in these last times, you have spoken to us through your Son.

**People: When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest you desire to give us.**

Pastor: We need rest from our enemies,

**People: from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.**

Pastor: Forgive us for rebelling against you, Lord,

**People: for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.**

Pastor: I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?

**People: Yes, it is my sincere confession.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thank you, Lord, for your loving kindness and for your forgiveness.**

## **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. Almighty God, you created mankind not only to work but to rest as well. Yet we too often spend our energy and time seeking and working for those things that Satan has set as traps to destroy us. By the leading and guiding of your Holy Spirit, turn us away from the things Satan has set as snares to take away our rest. Help us recall our true rest and hope is in you alone. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to give us rest, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **☩ WORD ☩**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20* (Solomon recognized that work without rest was useless and caused harm.) <sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 4:1–16* (Strive by faith to enter God’s rest and do not become disobedient.) Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. <sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**5:00 Grades 4k – 5k**

*“Two Little Eyes”*

**8:00 Bells**

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10:23–31* (Jesus warns about wealth and the difficulty a wealthy person has entering the kingdom of God.)

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

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

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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 #684 “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”**

“Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest.”

O Blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

“Come unto Me, ye wand’rers, And I will give you light.”

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

“Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life.”

O Cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

**SERMON “The True Rest From God” Hebrews 4:1-16**

(Rise)

**OFFERTORY** LSB p. 192

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

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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.

(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.

*Silence for personal petitions*

Pastor: Almighty God, we face many trials and difficulties during our earthly journey. Grant us to find rest in you and all your promises.

**People: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may have the peace that surpasses understanding.**

Pastor: Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit.

**People: Deliver us from every fear and trouble, that the praise of your name would continually be in our mouths.**

Pastor: O God, with us salvation is impossible, but with you all things are possible. Give boldness to your Church to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

**People:** Fill us all with the conviction that, by his death and resurrection, Christ Jesus has opened the way to your eternal kingdom.

**Pastor:** Gracious God, bless all who study at our universities and seminaries. Fill them with earthly knowledge and spiritual wisdom.

**People:** Raise up more church workers, for the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

**Pastor:** Spare the servants of your Church from love of wealth and from fear of the difficulty of the tasks set before them.

**People:** Empower us to gladly sacrifice for Christ, be willing to set aside every comfort, and share the truth of salvation for the sake of the Gospel.

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, lead our households to find eternal rest in Your Son and His Word. Give fathers and mothers diligence in teaching their children, and preserve us all from hardness of heart.

**People:** Help all families to live together in Christ love, cherishing one another as your good gifts and forgiving one another according to your will.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, guide our nation and its leaders in true wisdom to promote honest labor, protection of those frail and helpless, and bless us with enjoyment of your good gifts.

**People:** Guide your Christians to serve Christ in their citizenship and callings. Move the peoples of our nation to elect leaders who will follow your good and gracious will in all things.

**Pastor:** When the righteous cry, you hear, O Lord, and deliver them out of all their troubles. Draw near to save the brokenhearted, the crushed in spirit, the sick and those in need especially Henry, Jackie, Jerry, Sheri, Charlotte, 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 and Sarah.

**People:** Give them patience during their afflictions, healing in accord with your will, and everlasting hope in Christ.

**Pastor:** God of our salvation, since we have a great High Priest, Jesus Christ, hold us fast in our confession through all temptation and preserve us from sin, O Lord.

**People:** Bless all who draw near to your throne of grace, especially those who receive the blessed Sacrament this day, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Pastor:** God of all comfort and hope, bless and be with all who grieve, especially the Graf family as they remember in their hearts Melissa's mother, Judith, and Mark and Miriam Richardson mourning the passing of Barbara.

**People:** In the midst of grief and loss, fill us with faith and hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the promise of eternal life in the world to come.

**Pastor:** Lord God, heavenly Father, your Son left His earthly home to do His saving work, and so He knows what it is to leave family behind. Comfort your children who have left home and loved ones for the sake of the Gospel. Set them firmly into the family of the Church, and sustain them in the hope of eternal life in the age to come; 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:** It is truly good, right, and wholesome for us to give thanks and praise to you, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for in spite of our rebellion against you, you loved us and sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as the sacrifice for all our sins. Because of His death, you give life to those who believe. Because of His resurrection, all who believe are given rest and peace with God. Because He lives, so do we. Because He rose from

the dead, we know after our flesh has been destroyed, we, like Job, will see God in the flesh. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven itself, we give You thanks and praise, always joining in praising you by saying:

### **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**

#### **SERMON HYMN #648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"**

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

#### **HYMN #556**

#### **"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.

God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free: Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."

The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle,  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

"Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

"Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending.  
And, heavn'ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

"What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heavn'ly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in this feast, you give us a foretaste of what is to come when your kingdom comes in full—forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. We ask that as you gave Israel rest from their enemies when they obeyed you, that you would give us respite from our enemies here: the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, that we

may serve you in peace and quietness here and have a foretaste of the rest you promise. We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

**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.**

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord and one another so the world might believe.

**People: Thank you, Lord, for your forgiveness and peace!**

### CLOSING HYMN #918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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