

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving as Disciples
October 23 & 24, 2021
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

Building projects take a lot of work and people to accomplish. Our playground project has involved a couple of committees, meetings with contractors, special meetings with neighbors and meetings with City of West Allis leadership. It took Noah and his sons around 120 years to build the huge ark. Nehemiah rallied the peoples of Israel to help rebuild the walls of the city. It took decades to rebuild Solomon's temple in Jerusalem (John 2:19-20). The Holy Christian church is a building project, made up of "living stones." (1 Peter 2:5). It takes a lot of work and people to accomplish the work to be done. Are you ready to "stand in the gap" and help build up Christ's church here at St. Paul's?

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

MINISTRY MOMENT – Serving in Christ's Church

LWML PLEDGE *Spoken By All*

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING HYMN

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Verse 1	Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger The King of Glory the King above all kings
Verse 2	Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder The King of Glory the King above all kings
Chorus	This is amazing grace This is unfailing love That You would take my place That You would bear my cross You laid down Your life That I would be set free Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me
Verse 3	Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter The King of Glory the King of Glory
Verse 4	Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of Glory the King above all kings (Chorus)
Bridge	Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain (Chorus)

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(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

People: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**

Pastor: Let us confess our greatest need to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin, our failure to keep your holy Commandments in our thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from the darkness of death by the light of your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Speak now your divine Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." 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

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

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the helper of all who call on you, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same 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)

8:00 BAPTISM HYMN #601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand Among the glorious heav'nly band
Of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.

Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.

Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

8:00 BAPTISM of Elaine Rey Hren

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✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:7-9* (The LORD will turn mourning to joy.)

⁷For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 7:23–28* (Jesus, our perfect High Priest forever)

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 *“Trust in the Lord”* *6-8th grades*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:46–52* (Jesus heals Bartimaeus.)

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“The B-I-B-L-E”

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that’s the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Its lessons help me see
the love of Jesus, God’s own Son; the B-I-B-L-E

SERMON HYMN “Savior, Thy Dying Love” TLH#403

Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

O’er the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee.
Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise or prayer, Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee,
That each departing day Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won, Something for Thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be
Thro’ all eternity Something for Thee. Amen.

SERMON “Serve the Lord With Your Gifts” 1 Peter 4:7-11

(Rise)

5:00 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 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 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.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all of God's people, for all people in need, and for all things needful.

Hear our cries, O Lord, and be attentive to the voice of our pleas, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David! Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Send laborers into your harvest, Lord, and preachers to gather your elect from the farthest parts of the earth. Sustain all pastors and missionaries faithful in their callings. Bless Pastor Weston Wildauer, as he prayerfully deliberates his calls, and grant safety in his travels to visit us this week. Bless both Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and our own St. Paul's congregation, that we may pray, trust, and believe that God will guide and direct us all. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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Pastor: O Lord, you have appointed us as priests in your kingdom to offer prayers and living sacrifices made holy and unstained by the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ, our High Priest. We rejoice that Elaine Rey Hren is baptized into Christ and pray that Sean and Lisa will raise her in the faith. Make every Christian household constant in prayer and good works, even as our Savior always lives to make intercession for us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, you raise up leaders and servants to build up the body of believers. Bless all our members to hear the call to step up and serve according to the abilities and gifts you have given them. Strengthen the leadership of our church, that all things might be accomplished in good order and for the building up of the kingdom of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strike down the arrogant, O Lord of hosts, and every angry voice that would stand against the voice of Truth and the faith of those who believe. Uphold the protection of our nation and its leaders in honest service for the good of the people, especially that the Gospel may be preached and heard without hindrance. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, save your people and be a Father to every member of the Holy Christian Church. Give courage to the hearts of all who cry to you for mercy, help, and healing especially Dorothy, Cheryl, Austin, Pat, Richard, Cindy, Helga, Steve, Ray, Judy, Don, Nancy, Steve, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Give them steadfast faith and be pleased to grant them recovery, that they may follow you now and into everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give eyes of faith to all who commune this day, that believing Christ's promises in His testament, they would receive in faith the true body and blood distributed here in the Sacrament and so taste and see that He is good. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

5:00 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

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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

HYMN #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

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Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

HYMN #857 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servant-hood; In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

HYMN #560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. O God our Father, having received the forgiveness, light, and salvation won by your Son's sacrifice on the cross in this most Holy Sacrament, we pray you to strengthen us that we faithfully follow the Son, serving in His Church with the true vision of faith in your never-failing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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.

CLOSING HYMN #685 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, There to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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