

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ's Binary Relationship With Us

October 8 & 9, 2022

5:00pm & 8:00am

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### AS WE GATHER

We live in a world that is increasingly against binary. The world does not like talking about things being true or false, but speaks its own truths. The world does not like good and evil, tending to see good and evil in everyone. The world does not even like the distinction of male and female, denigrating both to such a degree that people think they are interchangeable! All of these things are happening because the fall into sin rejects the ultimate binary- our relationship with God. Throughout the Bible we see that it is a binary relationship between God and his people, creator and creation, redeemer and redeemed. Though we often rebel against this relationship, God is faithful and restores it through the power of his Son.

**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

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,  
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason  
for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #858

“O Father, All Creating”

O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love, and pow'r  
First bound two lives together In Eden's primal hour,  
Today to these Your children Your earliest gifts renew:  
A home by You made happy, A love by You kept true.

With good wine, Lord, at Cana The wedding feast You blessed.  
Grant also these Your presence, And be their dearest guest.  
Their store of earthly gladness Transform to heav'nly wine,  
And teach them, in the testing, To know the gift divine.

O Spirit of the Father, Breathe on them from above,  
So searching in Your pureness, So tender in Your love  
That, guarded by Your presence And kept from strife and sin,  
Their hearts may heed Your guidance And know You dwell within.

Unless You build it, Father, The house is built in vain;  
Unless You, Savior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.  
But nothing breaks the union Of hearts in You made one;  
The love Your Spirit hallows Is endless love begun.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

**People: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**People: O LORD, make haste to help me!**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

**People: Gracious God, you have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known your amazing grace. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to you to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As surely as Jesus was born with Moabite Ruth in His human family tree, as certainly as the Samaritan leper was saved through his faith, and as confidently as Paul assured Timothy of “the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory,” 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. Almighty God, you show mercy to your people in all their troubles.

**People: Grant us always to recognize your goodness, give thanks for your compassion, and praise your holy name;**

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)

### **5:00 BAPTISM SONG #593 “See This Wonder in the Making”**

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place them,  
With Your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

### **5:00 BAPTISM of Christopher George Butler & Lena Bernice Butler** Page 268

*Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service.*

### **☩ WORD ☩**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:27-31, 2:4-7, 18-25**

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. <sup>5</sup>When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup>and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>Now out of

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the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.<sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.<sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.<sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.<sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:21-33

<sup>21</sup> Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ, <sup>22</sup> wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 10:1-9

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

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

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them. <sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

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

**"Jesus Loves the Little Children" TOSBB 19**

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;  
Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

**SERMON HYMN #863 "Our Father, By Whose Name"**

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

**SERMON**

**"Christian Truth in a Non-Binary Culture"**

Gen. 1,2 Eph 5

(Rise)

### 8:00 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)

**OFFERINGS** 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.

### BRINGING FORTH YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

(Rise)

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Creator God, you have formed us and knitted us in our mother's womb. you are the creator, we are the creation. Help us to trust that you know what is best for us, and to be satisfied with how you have made us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** God of all truth, have mercy upon those whom you have called to proclaim your Holy Gospel. Preserve them from useless entanglements, fortify them in faithfulness when they must suffer, and remind them always that your Word is not bound. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** God of hope, if we are faithless, you remain faithful, for You cannot deny yourself. Remember those you baptized who have departed from the faith. Grant them penitent hearts, that they might obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Provider of all things- this week we celebrated commitment Sunday as several among us have committed to keep up their tithes, and in fact many have committed to do even more than tithe. We thank you for the generosity of your people. Lord this can be a hard commitment, but we ask that you prove faithful to all who are putting their trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, your servant Ruth faithfully cared for Naomi in her solitude and later years. Bless all adult children with wisdom and compassion as they care for their aging parents, and give their parents a humble spirit to accept needed assistance. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Great Redeemer, we thank you for washing our sins away. We thank you especially that the sins of Christopher George Butler and Lena Bernice Butler have been washed away this weekend in their baptisms. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be with them every day. Guide and uplift Kevin and Courtney as they raise their children to be your disciples. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Mighty Savior, bring to an end all war and violence. Guide and protect those who defend us against our enemies, those who preserve order against the threat of terror, and those who sit in judgment over evildoers, that justice and peace may prevail and we may all work together for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** God of all help, you hear the cries of the righteous and deliver them from their troubles and fears. Remember all who cry to you for mercy, especially those still dealing with the repercussions of Hurricane Ian, as well as Shirley, Bob, Noah, Debra, Tom, Jill, Paulette, Shirley, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Norma, Vern, Amy, Brian, Cathy, Vern, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Richard, Helga, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah and help them according to your good and gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Merciful Lord, grant that we may with grateful hearts receive all these things, according to your merciful will. Lead us to respond with voices of praise and thanksgiving and lives of holiness and righteousness, displaying in outward form the faith that lives in our hearts. Give us faith that works in love, hope that does not disappoint, compassion that does not fail, and confidence in your mercy that does not waver, that we may live in your faith and fear all our days and at length fall asleep in the arms of your mercy and in everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

#### 8:00 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

##### PAX DOMINI

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

**People:** Amen.

#### AGNUS DEI

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 #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!

##### HYMN #729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee. Lord Jesus' Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

### **HYMN #686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have  
refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**People: and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us  
through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one  
another;**

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 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 as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **CLOSING HYMN #707 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"**

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God grant me grace To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands 'Tis a delightful road-  
Nor let my head of heart or hands Offend against my God.

*Scripture Readings for next week:*

*Genesis 32:22-30*

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

*Luke 18:1-8*

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Pastor Joshua Grotelueschen

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### **Hurricane Ian Relief**

We are blessed to be part of a church body that responds to disasters with both physical and spiritual support. While many organizations give physical support, not too many are out there with the hope we have in the Gospel of Christ. Please consider a gift to LCMS World Relief:

**Give by Check - Please make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Write “Hurricane Relief” or “Disaster Relief” on the memo line to restrict your donation. Mail to:**

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