

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Abundant Grace

September 25 & 26, 2021

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

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

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

8:00 BELLS

"Canon of Peace"

✖ PREPARATION ✖

OPENING HYMN

"Who You Say I Am?"

Congregation Sings Entire Song

Verse 1 Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

Chorus A Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Verse 2 Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

Chorus B Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Bridge I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am
I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am
(Oh) I am who You say I am

Chorus B Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am (Repeat Chorus B)

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(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Pastor: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

People: for I rejoice in the LORD.

CONFSSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."

People: **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love you have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: **may the LORD rejoice in His works. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit

People: **that we may complete the works you have prepared for us to do;**

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)

✖ WORD ✎

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29* (The Holy Spirit even comes upon two men in the camp.)⁴ Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat!"⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased.¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers?¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me.¹⁵ If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered

seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE James 5:1–20 (James outlines what Christians ought to do for one another.) Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten.³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord

will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 BELLS

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:38–50* (Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.)

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me."⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us.⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire.⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"This is My Commandment"

This is My commandment, that you love one another that your joy may be full.
This is my commandment, that you love one another that your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full. That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment, that you love one another that your joy may be full.

SERMON HYMN #826 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting- Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer gladly saying, "Here am I , send me, send me?"

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

SERMON

"Take Care of Yourself"

Mark 9:38-50

(Rise)

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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 folder along to others in your pew, and
return the folder to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see the 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.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, your Son declared that those who follow Him and
believe in Him are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Grant
your people to have salt in themselves and to live at peace with one
another. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, cause your Holy Spirit to rest upon us and our pastors, that they
may proclaim your Word publicly and faithfully among us, that we, in
turn, may share your Word in our homes and vocations. Lord, in your
mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, bless our elders and church council with the necessary gifts of your Spirit, that they may faithfully serve the congregation, support our pastor, and uphold the ministry of the Word amongst us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Send forth your Spirit, Father, over all couples who desire the gift of children, that they may be fruitful and bring up their children in your fear and knowledge. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God almighty, uphold our president, our representatives, our judges, and all those who bear the sword in our land, that sin and wickedness may be kept at bay and we may live peaceable lives in security. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of life, we thank you for the gift of life and pray that you would help us treasure the people you place in our lives. We give special thanks today for Gary Knight, as he celebrates his 70th birthday in these days. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Great Physician, save and raise up those who are suffering or sick especially Carol, Pat, Richard, Jack, Cindy, Helga, Steve, Ray, Versa, Judy, Don, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Marilyn, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Be their healing and hope, their strength and their peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant, Lord, that all who come to the altar today to receive the heavenly feast of Christ's body and blood would be well salted with repentance and faith, comforted by your mercy, and go forth to love one another. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

People: Amen.

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

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN #829 "Christ the Eternal Lord"

Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.

Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.

Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

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Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.

Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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 #631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
The blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

People: and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you;

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 #650 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

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