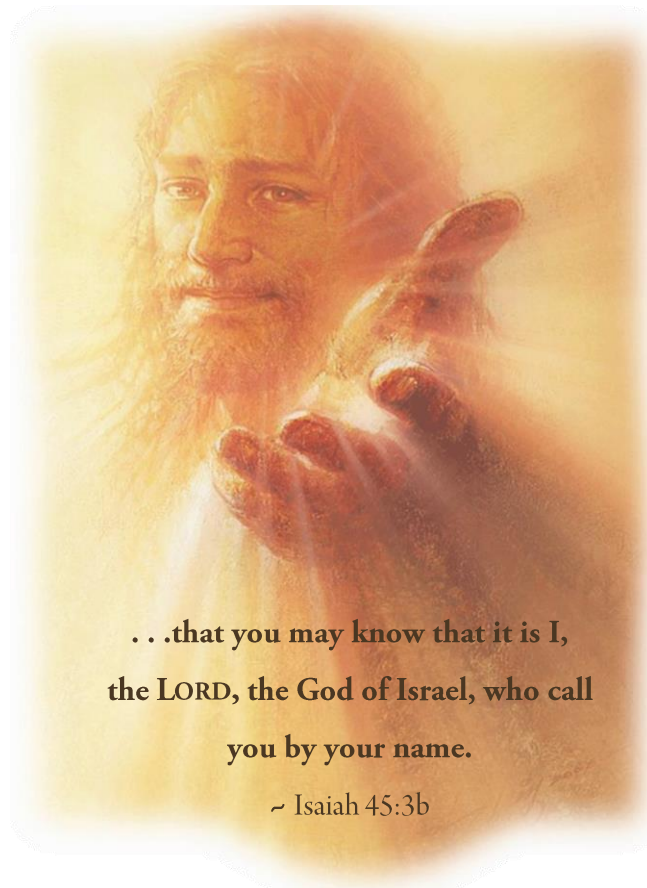


The 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday – October 22, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. Worship
(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

Greeting

Opening Hymn #784 (v. 1, 3, 5,6) "Take My Life and Let It Be"



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall
tre - a - sure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79
Tune: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787-1864
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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalms 43:4; Psalm 124:8 290

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254

- P** Holy and gracious God,
C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
C Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 203

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96

P¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

C sing to the LORD, all the earth!

P² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

C tell of his salvation from day to day.

P³ Declare his glory among the nations,

C his marvelous works among all the peoples!

P⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

C he is to be feared above all gods.

P⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

C but the LORD made the heavens.

P⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;

C strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

P⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

C ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

P⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

P⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

P¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!

C Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”

P¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

C let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

P¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!

C Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

P¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,

C for he comes to judge the earth.

P He will judge the world in righteousness,

C and the peoples in his faithfulness.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
 besides me there is no God;
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make well-being and create calamity,
 I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68 LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is

it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn #790 (v. 1-4) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 1 Chronicles 16:23-26 {1}



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuereten Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund
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Sermon "Ever Kept, Ever Blest!!"

Isaiah 45:1-7

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever and has taught us to pray:
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

<p>C 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</p>	<p>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.</p>
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Stand

Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar as we sing:

Offering Hymn #805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

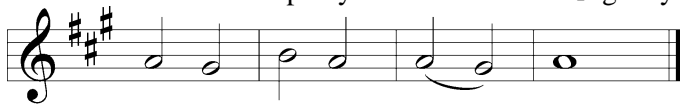
△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
Text and tune: Public domain

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166

- P** 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn #798 (v. 1-3, 9) “The God of Abraham Praise”



- 1 The God of A-br’ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br’ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br’ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow’r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
Hail, A-br’ham’s God and mine! I join the heav’n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow’r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus’ blood.
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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