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∞ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • OCTOBER 13, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYM

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS  
SONG  
WOV #781

**My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

*REFRAIN*

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *REFRAIN***

**What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *REFRAIN***

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *REFRAIN***

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of God, present in the thunder of the storm,  
the name of Christ, present in the stillness after the storm,  
in the name of the + Spirit, present in the winds of the storm. Amen.

All: **Amen. Holy! Holy! Holy! The earth is filled with God's presence.**

## ✠ CONFESSIOIN & ABSOLUTION

WL: We come into your presence, God, remembering the fierce storms in our lives, remember that we do not always trust in you and your care for our world.

**All: We have proclaimed, "God has abandoned us."  
We have cried out, "Where is our God in all of this?"**

WL: Trusting in God's compassion, let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence for reflection*

WL: Gracious God,

**All: In the midst of our storms, we have doubted your goodness. We have doubted your purpose. We have doubted your presence. Overwhelmed by the violence around and in us, we have proclaimed your absence in the midst of our suffering. Forgive us, God. Forgive us and remind us of your love and care.**

WL: Beloved children of God, God is not distant, high in the heavens. God is present with us in the midst of our suffering. Jesus Christ, who gave his very life for us on the cross, walks with us as we mourn. In the name of Christ, God forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. Go now in faith to live as servants in the midst of a suffering world, boldly sharing the love of Christ with all.

**All: Amen.**

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. Sustaining God, who shelters us in our time of storm: Open our eyes to the presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. Give us strength to serve even in our suffering, and remind us that you are the victor over sin, death, and the devil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

R: Our first lesson on this Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifth chapter of the prophet Amos.

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire;  
it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

There are those who turn justice into bitterness  
and cast righteousness to the ground.

There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court  
and detest the one who tells the truth.

You levy a straw tax on the poor  
and impose a tax on their grain.

Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them;  
though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your offenses  
and how great your sins.

There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes  
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times,  
for the times are evil.

Seek good, not evil,  
that you may live.

Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,  
just as you say he is.

Hate evil, love good;  
maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy  
on the remnant of Joseph.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 3:12-19

R: The Second lesson is from the third chapter of Hebrews.

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion."

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

LBW SETTING 1, PAGE 62

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

MARK 10:17-22

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## TODAY’S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE  
LBW #433

## ✠ LWML PLEDGE

**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.**

MINISTRY MINUTE — *Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

# GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

LWML HYMN

LUTHERAN WOMEN, ONE AND ALL

*sung during the offering*

TUNE: KREMSER

**Lutheran women, one and all, we have heard the Gospel call.  
We by faith have seen our Lord crucified and then restored.  
We have seen Him pay the price, for our sins a sacrifice.  
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim and unite to praise His name.**

**Lutheran women, young and old, well we know His challenge bold:  
Help to take the Gospel light to a world in darkest night,  
By example in the home, by inviting those who roam,  
By our prayers for sinners lost, by our gifts for missions' cost.**

**Lutheran women, coast to coast, in the Lord a mighty host,  
Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,  
One in faith, in hope, and love, working for the Lord above,  
Till, our earthly labors done, we in heaven shall all be one.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## ✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN

### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LSB #809

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

*REFRAIN* **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *REFRAIN***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *REFRAIN***

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

## ✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to serve and to heal, following in the footsteps of our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN      GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER  
LBW #343

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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