Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing the Day—Evening
Thursday, October 14 and Sunday, October 17 2021

AS WE GATHER
Some of the most loved hymns in the hymnal are in the "Evening" section, including "Abide with Me," "Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow," and "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven," set to the Welsh melody to which the classic lullaby "All through the Night" is sung. The evening hours bring special worship opportunities for God's people. The psalmist writes, "Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!" (Psalm 141:2). May we be aware of God's blessing of each day—especially the special hours of the evening.

OPENING SONG "We Believe"

Verse 1
In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe **(Chorus)**

Verse 2
So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe **(Chorus)**

Chorus
We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
We believe

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.) LSB pg. 268
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REFLECTION ON EVENING
Pastor: Observing the passing of the hours of the day is very much part of our earthly life. The psalmist expresses this to the Lord as he writes, "So I will bless You as long as I live, . . . when I remember You upon my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night" (Psalm 63:4a, 6). The evening hours and the watches of the night are a time for reflection on the goodness of God that has been experienced throughout the day. Together we sing stanzas 3 and 4 of "Lord of All Hopefulness."

HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness" LSB 738 vv. 3-4

3 **Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,**
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,**
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Pastor: In his directions for daily prayers, Martin Luther shared a "little prayer" for the evening that generations of Christians have learned by heart. Together we speak these timeless words.

People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on "Confession" in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

10He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his
income; this also is vanity. 11When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what
advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? 12Sweet is the sleep of a laborer,
whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. 13There is
a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt,
14and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in
his hand. 15As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and
shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. 16This also is a grievous evil:
just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?
17Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.
18Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all
the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for
this is his lot. 19Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to
enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. 20For he will not
much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.
This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Hebrews 4:1–13*

1Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you
should seem to have failed to reach it. 2For good news came to us just as to them, but
the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with
those who listened. 3For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in
my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the
foundation of the world. 4For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And
God rested on the seventh day from all his works." 5And again in this passage he said, "They
shall not enter my rest." 6Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who
formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, 7again he appoints a
certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,
"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." 8For if Joshua had given them rest,
God would not have spoken of another day later on. 9So then, there remains a Sabbath rest
for the people of God, 10for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as
God did from his. 11Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the
same sort of disobedience. 12For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-

edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. [13]And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Verse
All: Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Mark 10:23–31*
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[23]Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" [24]And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! [25]It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." [26]And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" [27]Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." [28]Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." [29]Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, [30]who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. [31]But many who are first will be last, and the last first." This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED
All: 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.

SERMON SONG "How Great is Our God"

Verse 1
The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus
How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2
And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb **(Chorus)**

Bridge (x2)
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God **(Chorus)**

Ending
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art (x2)

SERMON: "Eat and drink and find enjoyment" *Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

During the offering, *please pass the blue pew information pads, so that all worshipers have the opportunity to sign for communion, attendance purposes and to greet one another by name following the service. For those watching online, e-giving is available on the church website– thank you!*

OFFERING (10:30) "Come to Jesus" Adult Choir

(6:30 & 8) "Thy Word"

Chorus
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1
When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
And Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end **(Chorus)**

Verse 2
I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end **(Chorus)**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: O Lord, hear our prayer,
People: and let our cry come unto You.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper, first given on the night He was betrayed, You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER
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
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

Our Communion Practices *Men and women serving as Worship Assistants do so under the oversight of the Pastors.
If these are your beliefs:
I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.
I believe that Christ is really present in the sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.
I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.....
please join us as we celebrate Holy Communion.

† DISTRIBUTION SONGS †

"You Are Mine"

Verse 1
"I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice
Be still and know I am here"

Verse 2
"I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
Come and rest in me"

Chorus
"Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine"

Verse 3
"I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know my name" **(Chorus)**

Verse 4
"I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now walk and live! **(Chorus)**

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"Here I Am, Lord"

Verse 1
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2
I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

Verse 3
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed Meal shared at Your gracious invitation, to deliver Your holy people from every evil, to teach us to love You perfectly, and to make us truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ. At morning, noontime, and evening, help us to faithfully follow our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "Our God"

Verse 1
Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus
Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Verse 2
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You **(Chorus)**

Bridge
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Repeat)

What could stand against **(Chorus)**

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