

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00am**

***Psst, I Got A Secret***

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**



*Living in the ups and downs of life, in a world opposed to Jesus and His purposes, it may seem like peace is a secret that must be found to be enjoyed.*

*There is no secret, as it were, but the peace that passes understanding is hidden in Jesus.*

*This peace is not some relative calm against the upset of the world but knowing Jesus and living in His strength, comfort, forgiveness, joy, and peace amid every circumstance of life.*

*This is not to be confused with happiness, which is hard to find and even harder to define. No, this gift of peace means knowing with contentment the steadfast love and mercy of God given to us in Jesus, His Son.*

## *Prelude*

### **#905, Come, Thou Almighty King**

**1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

**4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.**

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name, Amen.**

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 Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE 168**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **THIS IS THE FEAST      LSB 171**

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Together, we pray,

**C: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Isaiah 25:6–9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Philippians 4:4–13 [Sermon Text]**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 173**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ and those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**MATTHEW 22:1-14**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**#763, *When Peace, like a River***

**1** When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
**Refrain**

**ref** It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

**2** Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance  
control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for  
my soul. **Refrain**

**3** He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O  
my soul! **Refrain**

**4** And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as  
a scroll, The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well  
with my soul. **Refrain**

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**The Sermon      *Psst, I Got A Secret***

P: Please rise and join me in professing our faith,

**C: NICENE CREED**

**The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

**OFFERTORY      LSB 176**

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**The Prayers of His Children**

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

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.



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

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing,

**SANCTUS LSB 178**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Words of our Lord**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C: LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI LSB 180**

**C 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, grant us peace.**

### **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Choir - Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured**

**#709, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

**1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I  
am His  
And He is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the  
verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His  
shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff  
my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what  
transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd,  
may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77

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***#710, The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want***

**1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green;  
He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**

**2 My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of  
righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**

**3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**

**4 My table Thou hast furnishèd In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil  
anoint,  
And my cup overflows.**

**5 Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house  
forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.**

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh

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***#644, The Church's One Foundation***

**1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation  
By water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy  
bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

**2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One  
Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

**3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent  
asunder,  
By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up,  
"How long?" And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

**5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet  
communion**

**With those whose rest is won. O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by  
Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.**

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.

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#### **THANK THE LORD LSB 181**

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone  
who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and  
leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P: Together, we pray,**

**C: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through  
this salutary gift, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

#### **God's Benediction**

#### ***#803, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs  
before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light  
of day.**

**2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and  
angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and  
mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of  
living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love  
divine: Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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#### **Ministry Announcements**



***Postlude***