

*Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost*  
*October 22, 2023*



**PRESERVICE MUSIC** "Living Hope" by Wickham/Johnson arr. Hayes &  
"Shine On Us" by Smith, arr. Larson

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

**HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness;  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you.

**REFRAIN**

So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me  
King of all days Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor **REFRAIN**

**BRIDGE**

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (2x) **REFRAIN**

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

For those who love God all things work together for good. *Romans 8:28*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 121:2, 7*

**P** My help comes from the LORD,

**G** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**G** **He will keep your life.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**G** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own**

**most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**G Amen.**

## **KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

### **REFRAIN**

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died **REFRAIN**

And the morning that You rose  
All of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me **REFRAIN**

**ENDING** Praise forever to the King of Kings

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## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 45:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Thus 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: <sup>2</sup>"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, <sup>3</sup>I 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. <sup>4</sup>For 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. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that 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. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because 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. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For 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. <sup>9</sup>For 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, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15–22*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said

to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They 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.” <sup>22</sup>When 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.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father’s love for us? How vast beyond all measure?  
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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His wounds have paid my ransom.

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**SERMON** “The Maker's Mark” John 8:31-36

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Early service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer & Benediction***

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**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.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

- 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)**

- 1 “Holy, holy, holy!” all the saints in glory  
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;  
“Holy, holy, holy!” with them we adore You;  
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

## **PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

## **O LAMB OF GOD, WE PRAY**

- 1 O Lamb of God, we pray:  
Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase.  
Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call  
And grant us peace.

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## **+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

***For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord’s Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.***

## **550 LAMB OF GOD**

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God

## **REFRAIN**

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **REFRAIN**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **REFRAIN**

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## **YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL**

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all;  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my all in all.

### **CHORUS**

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all;  
When I fall down, you pick me up,  
When I am dry, you fill my cup,  
You are my all in all. **CHORUS 2X**

**ENDING** Worthy is Your name!

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## **770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

What a friend we have in Jesus , all our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry, ev'rything to God in prayer;  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry, ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer;  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrow share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

### **BRIDGE**

Oh, what a friend we've found; what a friend we've found; what a friend we've found in You;  
Oh, what a friend we've found; what a friend we've found; what a friend we've found in You.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there. **BRIDGE.**

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*Psalm 107:1*

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

**P** Let us pray. Eternal Lord, ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us that, guided by Your Spirit, they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution,

and unwavering in duty, and that Your Church be blessed equally with wise and faithful leaders who will accomplish all things as You command for our temporal blessing and for our eternal good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**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.

**G Amen.**

## **LIVING HOPE**

How great the chasm that lay between us,

How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness saw through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.

The King of Kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

## **CHORUS 2X**

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!

Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev'ry chain, there's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope!

**2X** Then came the morning that sealed the promise.

Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory! **CHORUS 2x**

**ENDING** Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!

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## **POSTLUDE**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4.

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