

October 17, 2021  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Service  
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He who loves money  
will not be satisfied  
with money

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20



## Prelude and Meditation Psalm 119:9-16

### Welcome

### 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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## Invocation

- 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.**

## Confession

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are  
by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors  
as ourselves.  
We justly deserve  
Your present and eternal punishment.  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways  
to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

- 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

### Introit - Psalm 34:1-4, 17

- P: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
**C: and saves the crushed in spirit.**  
P: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**C: let the humble hear and be glad.**  
P: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
**C: and let us exalt his name together!**  
P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
**C: and delivered me from all my fears.**  
P: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
**C: and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

### 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.**

- P: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
**C: and saves the crushed in spirit.**

## Kyrie

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- 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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

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P: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
**C: Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

## Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As 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. <sup>16</sup>This 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? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>19</sup>Everyone 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. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Epistle Reading****Hebrews 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again 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.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

**Epistle Reading—Continued****Hebrews 4:1-16**

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia & Verse**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to  
St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

## Holy Gospel

### Mark 10:23-31

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>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! <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."

<sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles Creed

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

*You may be seated*

## 730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Sermon

“Christ...The Path To True Prosperity”

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Notes

## Prayer of the Church

Offering

**Preface**

Pg. 160

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples.

For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

Pg. 161

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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pg. 161

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

Pg. 162

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

*“Take, eat; this is My body,  
which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

*“Drink of it, all of you;  
this cup is the new testament in My blood,  
which is shed for you f  
or the forgiveness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of Me.”*

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: 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:

## The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

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

Pg. 163

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

**C: Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

## Agnus Dei

Pg. 163

**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.**

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Thank the Lord

Pg. 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek 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.**

### Post-Communion Collect

Pg. 166

- A Let us pray.**  
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 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.
- C Amen.**

### Benediction

Pg. 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 Amen.**

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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**May the Lord be with you  
on your homeward way**

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### **Messiah Open House - Today**

From 3 - 6 PM today, enjoy some food and drink as Messiah hosts an Open House.  
334 Old Farm Ln S, Prattville, AL 36066

### **LWML Meeting - Date change**

*Wed, Oct 20* this month - 6:30 pm  
Come join us in the fellowship hall.  
*Open to all ladies of St. Paul*

### **Fall Work Day**

Sat 23 Oct 8:00 am—Noon. Lunch provided.  
Time to spruce up the inside and outside.

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Now through November 14. Available in the Narthex. We are aiming to get 100 children a box this year.

### **Youth Group Parent Meeting**

Sun Oct 24 4-6 pm. This will be an info meeting for all parents of youth considering National Youth Gathering 2022

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Reality in Truth**

Fri, 29 Oct - Feeding the homeless

#### **Reformation/ Octoberfest**

Oct 31 (LWML sponsored)

Check out the Calendar:  
<https://www.stpaulmontgomery.org/calendar>