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# **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost** **October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

In the Small Catechism, we are reminded that the summary of the first three Commandments, the First Table, are found in the words of Jesus we hear today: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and Commandments 4–10, the Second Table, is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37, 39). The summary of all the Commandments is love, as “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:10). So often, though, we realize our love for God and love for others is imperfect and falls short of every command from our holy Lord. Yet, even in our fallen condition, we are shown and given a perfect love that remains through the giving of His own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Claimed as His own and forgiven, we then live under the grace of His cross and empty tomb, that we are by faith empowered to love as He has first loved us.

### **SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

**OPENING HYMN**

*“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

LSB 904

**OPENING VERSICLES** [Common]

LSB page 260

**O.T. CANTICLE**

*“Create in Me”*

LSB 956

### **‡ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ‡**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18*

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*1 Thessalonians 2:1–13*

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 22:34–46*

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ““The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? If then David calls Him Lord, how is he His son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CATECHISM REVIEW | THE CREED

**The Third Article [Sanctification]**

Pastor: 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. *What does this mean?*

**All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

## CREED

## LORD'S PRAYER

## SERMON HYMN

*"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"*

LSB 715

## SERMON

*"Are You Talking About Me?"**Psalms 46*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God of love, You are holy and worthy to be loved with all our heart, soul, and mind.

**People: We give You thanks for the many blessings for our lives now and eternally, which are not deserved but that You give out of Your perfect love.**

Pastor: Ever-giving God of love, though our love is imperfect and often conditional, Yours is perfect and always unconditional.

**People: As You call, gather, and enlighten us together by Your Spirit, we bring our burdens of sin, our guilt of wrong, our trials of this life, and troubles we face to Your holy presence, that we find our rest and receive all good things from Your gracious hand.**

Pastor: God of comfort and love, we ask Your presence upon those who are burdened with affliction of body, soul, and mind. We bring before You those who have asked for our prayers, [*including . . .*], and those whose needs are known to You. Give hope to the hopeless, promise to the grieving, and peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *(Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy")*.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Ever-providing God of love, You give us all we need for this body and life, and we pray for remembrance that all things come from Your hand.

**People: Continue to guide and direct those in authority over us in this world that faithfulness be had in administration.**

Pastor: Grant safety to all who serve to protect and keep our communities safe.

**People: Lead us each day with Your Word that we love You and love our neighbors as ourselves, living as lights in this dark world that others know Your love now and forevermore.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in You through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

**\*\*5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE\*\***

## HYMN

### ***"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"***

CCS 47

*by Jamie Owens-Collins*

1. In heavenly armour we'll enter the land, The battle belongs to the Lord.  
No weapon that's fashion'd against us will stand, The battle belongs to the Lord.  
And we sing glory, honour, power and strength to the Lord.  
We sing glory, honour, power and strength to the Lord.
2. When the power of darkness comes in like a flood. The battle belongs to the Lord.  
He'll raise up a standard, the pow'r of His blood, The battle belongs to the Lord.  
And we sing glory, honour, power and strength to the Lord.  
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3. When Your enemy presses in hard, do not fear, The battle belongs to the Lord.  
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near, The battle belongs to the Lord.  
And we sing glory, honour, power and strength to the Lord.  
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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Holy Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR THE WORD** LSB page 265

**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER** LSB page 266

**NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE** *“In Thee Is Gladness”* LSB 818

**BLESSING** LSB page 267

**CLOSING HYMN** *“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”* LSB 919



**\*\*9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE\*\***

**† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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**HYMN**

***“My Peace”***  
*by Keith Routledge*

CCS 37

My peace I give unto you; it’s a peace that the world cannot give.  
 It’s a peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know, peace to live,  
 My peace I give unto you. *(Sung three times)*

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**HYMN**

***“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”***

LSB 609

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Holy Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

***“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”***

LSB 919

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## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### 5:30PM WORSHIP

**Thom Miller**

Elder

**Kris Deardoff**

Organist

### 9:00AM WORSHIP

**Jeff Derksen**

Elder

**Karlee Small**

**Josh Ternus**

Acolytes

**Sarah Peterson**

Organist

**Mike Beyer**

Congregational Chairman

**Rick Melius**

Head Elder