

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 20, 2024



The theme of wealth is a topic that occurs more often in the Scriptures than any other, including prayer, perhaps because God knows what can happen when we put our trust in money rather than in him. Jesus warned his followers that relying on riches rather than on the salvation offered through God is assuredly an exercise in futility. Only God can save us. Followers of Christ are called to trust in his promises.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join in communion today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCMC GATHERING INFORMATION - Roy & Mary Ann Callaway

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Warnell

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen**

▲ HYMN "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS" LBW #500

▼ CHOIR ANTHEM "A PSALM OF PRAISE"

▲ GREETING

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

▲ LITANY Adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

We worship you dear LORD. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

▲ **EZEKIEL 14:5-13** (p. 832 in pew Bible)

▲ **ROMANS 5:1-11** (p. 1119 in pew Bible)

▼ KCJAM/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "WALKING ON THE WATER"

▲ The Holy Gospel from the 14th Chapter of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Sung)

▲ **MATTHEW 14:22-33** (p. 975 in pew Bible)

▲ The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Sung)

▼ MESSAGE - "DID I HEAR THAT RIGHT???"

▲ HYMN - "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" LBW #439

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose

again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

▼ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▲ LORD'S PRAYER

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

▲ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

**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 OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(If you prefer grape juice to the wine, please let the one serving you know.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG "HERE I AM, LORD" (I, The Lord of Sea and Sky - Insert)

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE

Did I Hear That Right??

Pastor Dave Stier

Ex. 14:5-13, Romans 5:1-11, Matthew 14:22-33(27) key verse

BIG IDEA: We all second-guess ourselves. At times, we even second-guess God. So here are some actions I take to make sure I'm on the right track.

1st Action: Eliminate the _____.

We all have white noise in our lives, and we need to identify what that is, so we can turn it down to talk to God and hear from Him.

2nd Action: Pray & Read _____.

Do you want to know what God is doing in and around you?

Then spend time with Him in prayer and His word.

3rd Action: _____.

Worship is so much bigger than just a song or just singing.

Worship is about a lifestyle.

- I. *It's that our desire should be to _____ in all that we do.*
- II. *It's the desire to glorify God in our lives that will _____ from, and be accompanied by, a reverential awe of God.*
- III. *It's the knowledge that we are now God's _____. We are not his slaves.*
- IV. *It's acknowledging that God _____.*
- V. *It's living in the presence of God with _____.*

4th Action: Just Keep _____.

The Bible says "do not be afraid" 365 times. ***One time for every day of the year.***

My FRIENDS, DO NOT BE AFRAID, JUST KEEP SWIMMING....