

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 6, 2024



Marriage and family are a gift from God to be cherished and protected from negative influences. In our human sinfulness, we fail to care for our most valued relationships and instead get hung up on the questions of who's right and who's wrong. Fractured relationships are a reality of our broken lives, and even though Jesus understands, he points us to the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

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 HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ CONFESSIO & 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 "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL" #346 LBW (When Peace, Like a River)

▲ GREETING

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

▲ SHARE THE PEACE

▲ LITANY Adapted from Psalm 16 (NLT)

Keep me safe, O God,

for I have come to you for refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Master!

Every good thing I have comes from you."

The godly people in the land

are my true heroes!

I take pleasure in them!

Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.

I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood

or even speak the names of their gods.

LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.

You guard all that is mine.

▼ HYMN/BLC CHOIR – "JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"

PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

▲ **PROVERBS 27:17-24** (p. 650 in pew Bible)

▲ **1 PETER 1:13-14** (p. 1203 in pew Bible)

▼ KCJAM/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ The Holy Gospel from the 18th Chapter of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Spoken)

▲ **MATTHEW 18:15-20** (p. 979 in pew Bible)

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

▼ MESSAGE - **The Matthew 18 Principle**

▲ HYMN - "JESUS PAID IT ALL" (Insert)

▲ 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

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Heavenly Father, creator of all things, **we come before you today seeking your divine guidance and wisdom. We gather as a congregation and recognize the importance of this in our journey of faith. We ask for your divine wisdom to fill our hearts and minds.**

Help us understand the impact of stewardship on our spiritual lives, families, church, and our community.

Lord Jesus, inspire a spirit of generosity, rooted in the love and grace you have poured upon us. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▲ 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

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, 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 "SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!" (Insert)

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

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

POSTLUDE