

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 1, 2021



The psalmist praised the Lord for satisfying the needs of every living creature. God is near to all who call upon him! God provided food for the Israelites in the wilderness as their hunger was about to overtake them. Jesus proclaimed his true identity as the “bread of life” to those who witnessed the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. God is always at work supplying his children with “daily bread.”

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God’s calling and we extend Christ’s hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God’s Word, partake in the Lord’s Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord’s Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ An personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - MUSICIAN: KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

HOLY COMMUNION, SETTING ONE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Stand, Spoken*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:14-16, adapted*)

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. Amen (*Psalms 51:1-2, 10-11, adapted*) (*A moment of silent confession*)

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR MERCY (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray to the Lord for peace. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord for salvation. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord for the well-being of the world and the unity of the Church of God. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray for this holy house as we offer God our worship and praise. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN “COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” #499 (*Sung*)

**Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I’m come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand’ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O God,

C: your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING — EXODUS 16:2-15, p. 68 *(Sit)*

SECOND READING — EPHESIANS 4:1-16, p. 1161

BACKPACK BLESSING

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung)*

Divine instructor, gracious Lord, May you be always near; Teach us to love your sacred Word and find our Savior there.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – JOHN 6:22-35, p. 1059 *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. John chapter 6. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *(Sit)*

HYMN “LORD WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE” # 423 *(Stand, Sung)*

**Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart:
Consecrating to your purpose Ev’ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.**

THE 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray, ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

**We give thee but thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive, And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer our selves 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

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 indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (*Sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Stand, Sung*)

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 PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Holy Father, having received now this blessed food and drink, we ask you to deliver us from every evil, teach us to love you perfectly, and make us one, holy Church doing the good works you desire us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION (*Spoken, Romans 15:13*)

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS" (*Sung*)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

Refrain **Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. (*Spoken*)

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE — MUSICIAN: KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

backpack blessings

A Litany for the Beginning of the School Year

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. PHILIPPIANS 4:13

(All students in the church are invited to come with their backpacks to the front of the worship space.)

☐ Dear Lord Jesus, we want to begin this new school year as we begin each day, by acknowledging your presence among us with your blessing and guidance.

☑ **Watch over our students, the owners of these backpacks, as they take the next steps in their education.**

☐ Good Shepherd, you call each of these children by name to follow you, both throughout the school year and each day of life by grace through faith in you.

☑ **Their backpacks will be filled with books, but fill their lives to overflowing with your countless, daily blessings.**

☐ When they feel overcome by the stress and anxiety and their spirits seem low ...

☑ **We pray that these students find comfort in your Word and knowledge of your constant presence.**

☐ When they encounter sadness or grief, whether at school or at home ...

☑ **We pray that these students will know that you provide the Spirit of comfort to all who are mourning.**

☐ When they are faced with temptation to stray from your righteous path ...

☑ **Remind them that you offer both guidance and forgiveness for those who call upon your name.**

☐ Keep their hearts and minds pure and their lives a reflection of your love for them ...

☑ **Bless them, we pray, to see your face in the faces of friends, teachers, parents and others who gather with them this year.**

☐ When they encounter persecution or bullying, particularly when they are standing up for what is right and holy ...

☑ **Make your presence known, we pray, so that each child here is reminded of your promise to not to leave us desolate or alone.**

☐ We gather here with these children in your name, Lord Jesus, welcoming you to the circle of love and togetherness that binds us in your name.

☑ **We pray that their faith in your saving power and promises is strengthened and that their behavior and faith shines as an example to others of what it means to be children in your family.**

☐ With confident hope in God's watchful care, I bless these backpacks and their owners in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May all of us, young and old, be strong in faith and filled with the Spirit that we might be a blessing to all in your world.

☑ **Almighty God, hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(All students return to their seats with their backpacks.)

