



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
 October 13, 2024– Setting One

There can be not repentance when I want to pay and atone for sin by my own deeds, for since I am by nature a sinner and a child of wrath, as the Scripture says, I cannot blot out sin with sin. I can only increase it.

Repentance means that I believe the Word of God, which accuses me and tells me that I am a sinner before God and am condemned, that I am afraid, that I have always been disobedient to my God, that I have never truly regarded his commandments, and never mediated on them, much less obeyed the greatest or the smallest. Yet I must not despair but turn to Christ, seek grace and help from him, and firmly believe that I shall receive it. For he is the Lamb of God chosen from eternity to bear the sin of all the world and to atone for it by his death.

But if you wish to maintain that you are right, turn to other things. Turn to worldly rule, where you may well be right in opposition to your enemy who has wronged you and taken what belongs to you. There you may appeal to your rights, and seek for them and demand them.

But if you are dealing with God and have to stand before his judgment, do not think of your rights at all. If you would find grace, acknowledge that you are wrong and that he is right. This you do if you say with all the saints, "O Lord God, I confess, feel, and believe that I am a condemned sinner; therefore, I pray, absolve me and wash me clean and baptize me for the sake of Christ. Then I shall know that you are gracious to me, that I have been forgiven, and that I am pure and as white as snow.

—Martin Luther, sermon preached after Easter

Welcome
 We are thankful you have joined us today!

Hymn

Today Your Mercy Calls Us | **915**

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 112:3-6; antiphon Psalm 112:1

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
 who greatly delights in his commandments.

**Wealth and riches are in his house,
 and his righteousness endures forever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright, he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**For the righteous will never be moved;
 he will be remembered forever.**

**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.**

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 who greatly delights in his commandments.

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

☩ In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

[Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

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. [1 John 1:8-9]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. **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.**

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 \div Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting I]

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

B Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

B Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. B A - men

Hymn of Praise—This Is The Feast

[Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9]

Sung to music on page 155

A This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- W** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose blood set us free to be people of God. **A** Refrain
- M** Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **A** Refrain
- W** Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen **A** Refrain
- M** For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **A** Refrain

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Amos:

Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

[Amos 5:6-7, 10-15]

Time for reflection.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Hebrews:

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

[Hebrews 3:12-19]

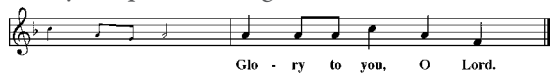
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Please stand to greet the Gospel reading speaking the Alleluia verse:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:



And as [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. [Mark 10:17-22]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children’s Talk

[Mark 10:14-16; Matt 19:14; Luke 18:16-17]

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today’s Scripture readings led by Pastor Erkkimen.

Hymn Thee Will I Love, My Strength | 694

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the Apostles’ Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

Gathering of the Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.



As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand to sing:

Offertory Hymn

Gracious God

Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For your love we offer praise.

Refrain: Lord, we pray that we Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

Heav’nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain [LSB 782]

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



The Words of Our Lord

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 is my + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

[1 Cor 11:26; Rev 22:20]

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:

**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.**

[Matt 6:9-13]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Hymns **Salvation unto Us Has Come | 555**
The Lord, My God, Be Praised | 794
When all have communed please stand.

Post Communion Song

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Please stand.

Benediction

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. **Amen.** [Numbers 6:24-26]

Hymn Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways | **707**
Postlude

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