



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES**  
Babbtown (Meta 8am)  
Schubert (Jefferson City 10am)

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**October 10, 2021**

**Order of Worship:** Printed below  
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)

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**The Ringing Of The Bell**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** TLH 279 "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

Today Thy mercy calls us To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can cleanse us And make us white today.

Today Thy gate is open, And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us; The Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without Thee When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer. Amen.

**Invocation:** p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Confession:** *[Spoken]*

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution** p. 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

**The Introit**

**Gloria Patri:** p.16 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Kyrie:** p.17 *[Sung]*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis:** p. 17-19 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation And Response:** p.19

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

**The Prayer Of The Day:** *[Spoken by all]*

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

**Response** *[Sung]:* **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Amos 5:6-7; 10-15

<sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!; <sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

**The Gradual**

**The Sentence Of The Season**

**The “Triple Hallelujah”:** *[Sung]*

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: The Holy Gospel that is appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 10, beginning with the 17th verse.

**C: [Sung] Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

**The Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:17-22

<sup>17</sup>And as he 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?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>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.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

**C: [Sung] Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

The Nicene Creed, p. 22

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn:** TLH 278 “Delay Not, Delay Not, O Sinner, Draw Near”

Delay not, delay not, O sinner, draw near. The waters of life are now flowing for thee.  
No price is demanded; the Savior is here; Redemption is purchased, salvation is free.

Delay not, delay not, O sinner, to come, For mercy still lingers and calls thee today.  
Her voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb; Her message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

Delay not, delay not! The Spirit of Grace, Long grieved and resisted, may take His sad flight.  
And leave thee in darkness to finish thy race, To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.

Delay not, delay not! The hour is at hand; The earth shall dissolve, and the heavens shall fade.

The dead, small and great, in the Judgment shall stand; What pow'r, then, O sinner, shall lend thee its aid?

Delay not, delay not! Why longer abuse The love and compassion of Jesus, thy God?  
A fountain is opened; how canst thou refuse To wash and be cleansed in His pardoning blood? Amen.

**Sermon:** “Today . . . Do Not Harden Your Hearts ”           Text: Hebrews 3:12-19

*(Usual time for The Offering – Offering plates are at the entrances or can be mailed or given online.)*

**Offertory** p. 22 [Sung]

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers**

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

*[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]*

**The Preface:** p. 24 *[Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all time and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

**The Proper Preface** p. 25

P: ...therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and singing:

**The Sanctus:** p. 26 *[Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** p. 27

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:** p. 27

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini:** p. 27

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - men.**

**The Agnus Dei:** p. 28 *[Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.  
A - - - - - men.**

### **The Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn:** TLH 376 “Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me”

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly—Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee! Amen.**

**The Nunc Dimittus:** p. 29 *[Sung]*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:  
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Thanksgiving:** p. 30

**P:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C:** *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer:** p. 30-31

**P:** We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy Your would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**C:** *[Sung]* **A - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus:** p. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn:** TLH 644 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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