



# 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (silence for reflection)  
Merciful God,*

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

*L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. C: Amen.*

*Sharing the Peace*

*L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

*Gathering Song – Let My Prayer Rise Up (Holden Evening Prayer)*

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me, God;  
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

All praise to the God of all, Creator of life;  
all praise to the Christ and the Spirit of love.

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

*Prayer of the Day – Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*Scripture Readings by Tanya Arvold*

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 p. 625

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. <sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? <sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! <sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. <sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. <sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. <sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. <sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 84:1-7 p. 472

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**<sup>6</sup>As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 p. 968

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

<sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 18:9-14 p. 853

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and

the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

*Children's Message and Sermon*

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*Song of the Day – Change My Heart, Oh God*

**Verse**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. *Sing twice.*

**Refrain**

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

*Repeat Verse and Refrain.*

*Ending: Repeat Verse.*

*Apostle's Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

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*Offering Song – All the People Said Amen*

1. You are not alone if you are lonely, when you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

*Refrain:* And all the people said Amen. Whoa-oh, and all the people said Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends. And all the people said Amen.

2. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter. Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after. We're all broken, but we're all in this together. God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all. *Refrain.*
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart,  
blessed are the persecuted and the pure of heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start.  
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. *Refrain. (2x)*

### *Offering Prayer*

**God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

- Today: 6pm Youth Group
- Tomorrow: 7pm Bible Study; bring a snack to share if you wish
- Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday – wear **RED**
- Nov 13: Annual Congregational Meeting (reports available soon)

### *Sending Song – You are the Light by Meg Ojala*

You are the Light in my life; You are the air that I breathe.  
May Your Spirit in me shine as bright as can be.  
You are the Light in my Life.

Lord, I felt lost and in need; then You came and rescued me.  
You entered my soul, and You made me whole.  
You are the Light in my Life.

I'll be a beacon for You in ev'rything that I do.  
Jesus, show me the way and I will obey.  
You are the Light in my Life.

You are the Light in my life; You are the air that I breathe.  
May Your Spirit in me shine as bright as can be.  
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*Blessing and Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C: Thanks be to God.*

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***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

10-24 Amie Maranville  
10-28 David Matz

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