



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

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

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Congregation: Amen.***

*L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. (silence for reflection)*

*L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*L: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.***

## *Gathering Hymn [intro]– God, When Human Bonds are Broken #603*

1. God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.
2. Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.
3. You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.
4. Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing; make us stronger, give us faith.
5. Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!

## *Prayer of the Day*

**Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for lie that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *Scripture Readings*

Genesis 2:18-24 p. 2

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every

bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 p. 427

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; <sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.**

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 p. 970

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

\* Please stand for the Gospel reading.

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

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

### *Children's Message*

#### *Sermon*

David Ingram

#### *Hymn of the Day – Blest Be the Tie That Binds #656*

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

#### *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.**

*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.*

## *Offering*

### *Offering Hymn – Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue #644*

1. Although I speak with angel's tongue, my faith, my knowledge all surpass,  
but have not love, my gifts are vain as clanging gong or blaring brass.
2. For love is patient, love is kind, and never vain with boasting pride;  
love bears all things, all things endures, All things must end; love will abide.
3. For now we peer at darkened glass; our visions end; our tongues all cease.  
In part we know, in part now see: then we will see love face to face.
4. The gifts are many, the Body one, and into one are all baptized.  
Beloved, share one heart, one mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

## *Offering Prayer*

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 152*

*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 108*

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

*L: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught 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.**

### *Announcements*

- 20 pounds of locally raised, premium Angus beef for \$250 to help with Lord of Life's fuel bills! Sign up sheet near church offices
- Thurs – School lunch assembly @ 12:30pm – all welcome (kitchen level)
- Donation box for winter gear for kids near front doors

### *Closing Hymn – Now Thank We All Our God #839*

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### *Blessing*

*L: God almighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. C: Amen.*

### *Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. C: Thanks be to God!*

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