

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCT 24, 2021***

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And Day School
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We welcome and thank Dr. J. Jayakiran Sebastian for sharing the good news with us today and presiding at the Lord's table.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 673

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

***GREETING**

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 OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

TFF 295

(2 times)

What a Mighty God We Serve!



What a might - y God we serve! What a might - y God we
serve! An-gels bow be - fore him, heav-en and earth a - dore him;
what a might - y God we serve.

Text: anonymous

Music: MIGHTY GOD, anonymous

(Please be seated)

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,
 those with child and those in labor, together;
 a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
 with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done
 great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy,

blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:46-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man

said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

SERMON

Rev. J. Jayakiran Sebastian

(please stand, as you are able)

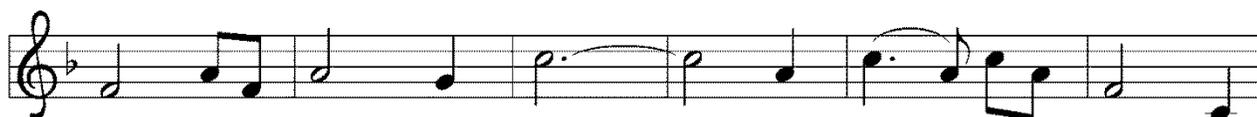
***HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES 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 THE PEOPLE

(response after: Hear us, O God.)

C: Your mercy is great.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

+ GATHERING AROUND GOD’S TABLE+

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

Place your offering in the plate as you enter or exit.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.



OFFERTORY HYMN*ELW 512****Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us say the prayer our Lord taught us.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. The worship leaders will distribute the individually prepared communion as you remain seated. Gluten-free wafers available on request.

(Please be seated)

Music Voluntary

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER*A:** Let us pray:

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*WOV 748****Bind Us Together**

Refrain:

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that
Cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together in Love

There is only one God. There is only one King
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing:

Refrain

You are the family of God. You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.

Refrain

DISMISSAL*A:** Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sep's Income: \$11,807

Average Attendance: 38

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Linda Ruth Waagen Hamilton by Christina Deemer

Bulletin Covers are dedicated to the Glory of God for the health of this congregation by Sonya Baxter.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 10/24

Mike G. – Assisting Minister

Mikayla E. – Psalm Reader

Klines – Ushers

Downey/Deemer – Counters

Pysher/Devine - Altar

Sunday School – Gina Helt

Scheduled to serve next week 10/31

Kathy D. – Assisting Minister

Autumn J. – Psalm Reader

Colahans - Ushers

Downey/Deemer – Counters

Kathy D.- Altar

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Joe Monte

Frank Taddie

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown

Cassie Leon

Albert Brogan

Gary Kline

Irene Muir

Janet Pisano

Jackie Dewitt

Madel Scheible

Dennis Matarese

Bob McKeighan

David Edwards

Meg Pysher

Linda Taddie

Jeanne Warner

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Oct, please call the office.)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Bea Henriques, Diane Kuhn, Phil Atwood, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

*****WEEKLY CALENDAR*****

Mon, Oct 25	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Wed, Oct 27	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm – AA (Hall)
Thu, Oct 28	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Fri, Oct 29	7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Oct 30	10:00am – AA (Hall) 11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm) 1:00pm – Girl Scouts (Parking Lot)
Sun, Oct 31	10:15am – Worship (Hall) Reformation 11:30am – Trunk or Treat

Announcements and Upcoming Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Oct 10th and 24th - Plan to stay after church for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30-12:15** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

TRUNK OR TREAT – Sunday, Oct 31st at **11:30am -12:30pm** in the parking lot. Please plan to stay and bring a treat to give to the children. Kids parade through in costume. Children are asked to bring a canned food donation.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – Nov 7th. Please submit the names of a loved one you would like remembered on this day. Call or leave them in the office no later than **Monday, Nov 1st**.

SHOP WITH SCRIP – Dates that orders will be sent into Shops with Script will be **Oct 31st, Nov 14th & 28th and Dec 4th**. Please hand in your order forms to Patsy or put in her mailbox. Extra forms can be found in the office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers. Please see flower chart is located on the bulletin board in Social Hall. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office.

BULLETIN FOLDERS –We have beautiful, colorful bulletin folders every Sunday. The bulletin folders are only \$7.00. Sign up with dedication in front hallway. See chart for open dates.



- We will wear masks as our county is experiencing substantial transmission.
- Attendance is being taken as you enter. If you are a non-member/visitor please give us your contact info.
- Please maintain 6 feet of social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is provided.
- No shaking of hands during the Sharing of the Peace. 
- Please call the office to add someone to the prayer list.
- Please call the office to sponsor bulletin covers.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Restored by Grace

The word for today is *restoration*. Both the Old Testament reading and the psalm speak of God's restoration of the people of Israel, gathering them from sorrowful exile into joyful community. The gospel tells the story of Jesus healing Bartimaeus, restoring his sight in response to his faith.

Today we do not have the same understanding of "clean" and "unclean" people; however, those who are sick still need restoration. There are people who are hospitalized for extended periods of time who need to be restored to the community. There are folks in nursing homes who long for the connections they once had to a worshiping community. There are people in prison who are cut off. There are even people who have been hurt or disappointed by the church who need restoration.

This same Jesus, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us, is our great high priest who continually restores us to right relationship with God. This hope of restoration is echoed in the reading from Jeremiah. Here God promises to gather and restore the people of Israel from their exile.

This promise of restoration is acted out through worship. Much of what happens in worship is concerned with restoration. In the word, in the meal, in confession and forgiveness, we are restored to wholeness (and *holiness*) with God and with one another. In the sharing of the peace we act out the restoration and reconciliation we all need. In the Lord's Prayer we ask, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." What is this if not a plea for restoration? This restoration is not through our own merit, but through the love of Christ and the faith we have been given.