



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader [TFF]=This Far By Faith Hymnal*=Stand if you are able

OPENING

PRELUDE

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] **Amen**

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen**

[P] 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.

[P] Most merciful God.

[C] **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

SHARING THE PEACE:

[Pastor] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] **And also with you.**

* OPENING HYMN – At The Lamb’s High Feast

* 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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: This Is The Feast Of The Risen Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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1. Worthy is Christ who died for us, who set us free on the cross.
Worthy is Christ who died for us, who set us free on the cross. *(Refrain)*
2. Power and riches, wisdom thanks, be to our God and the Lamb.
Power and riches, wisdom, thanks, be to our God and the Lamb. *(Refrain)*
3. Sing to the Lord a glorious hymn, and join creation's amen.
Sing to the Lord a glorious hymn, and join creation's amen. *(Refrain)*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of

his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

PSALMODY : The Choir

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

[R] The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks Be to God**

*** ALLELUIA VERSE: ALLELUIA! LORD, WHERE SHALL WE GO**

Verse 1: (Call) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go? (Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?

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(Call) Alleluia! (Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?

Verse 2: (Call) For you have the words of eternal life. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life.

(Call) For you have the words of eternal life. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life.

(Call) For you (Response) For you

(Call) For only you. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life.

(Call) For you (Response) For you

(Call) For only you. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life. *(Repeat Verse 1)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. Matthew 22:1-14

[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

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¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

[P] The Gospel of the Lord

[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON – Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

*** THE SERMON HYMN: The Trumpets Sound The Angels Sing**

*** THE CREED SONG**

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Creed Song.

SONG – I Believe I Do Believe

Refrain: I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It.

I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It.

1. I believe in God the almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator.
(Refrain)

2. I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
(Refrain)

3. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
(Refrain)

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH [Assisting Minister]
OFFERING**

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshiping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Choir

*** OFFERTORY: We Praise You God**

1. We praise you God, the creator of the heavens! We praise you God, the creator of the heavens! We praise you God the creator of the heavens! We praise you for giving us life!
2. We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you for giving us life!
3. We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless you for giving us life!
4. We praise you God, the Creator of the heavens! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We thank you for giving us life!

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

[C] **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

MEAL

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

[P] It is indeed

1. Holy, holy, Lord, almighty, glory fills the earth. Holy, holy, Lord, almighty, glory fills the earth.

Refrain: Holy holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.

Holy holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.

3. Sing Hosanna in the highest to the Holy Lord. Sing Hosanna in the highest to the Holy Lord. *Refrain:*

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

*** PRAYER SONG – Lord God Of Power and Fame**

1. (Call) Lord God of power and fame, **(Response) Lord God of power and fame**

(Call) Hallowed be your name; **(Response) Hallowed be your name**

(Call) Humbly your will be done, **(Response) Humbly your will be done**

(Call) Until the kingdom come; **(Response) Until the kingdom come**

(Call) The living depend on you, **(Response) The living depend on you**

(Call) Forgiven and forgiving too; **(Response) Forgiven and forgiving too**

(Call) Lord God of power and fame, **(Response) Lord God of power and fame**

(Call) Hallowed be your name. **(Response) Hallowed be your name.**

2. (Call) Glory to you, O Lord, **(Response) Glory to you, O Lord,**

(Call) Holy forevermore; **(Response) Holy forevermore**

(Call) Stay in temptation's hour! **(Response) Stay in temptation's hour**

(Call) Breaking the tempter's pow'r. **(Response) Breaking the tempter's pow'r**

(Call) The living depend on you, **(Response) The living depend on you**

(Call) Forgiven and forgiving too; **(Response) Forgiven and forgiving too**

(Call) Glory to you, O Lord, **(Response) Glory to you, O Lord**

(Call) Holy forevermore. **(Response) Holy forevermore.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

[P] Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Now Behold The Lamb

Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,

who bore all my sin, that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God.
Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God.
Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: Come Let Us Eat

*** HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

[C] **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord**

Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is worthy to be praised and adored. So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord. *(Repeat)*

SENDING

*** PRAYER**

[A] Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

[C] **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION:**

[P] The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN: I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bible Study is on Wednesday: NOON in the CHURCH and via ZOOM / at 7pm via Zoom. The Gospel of Luke.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday 10- Noon; make an appointment (919 -760 – 5482) or stop - in.

- The fall, 2026 semi-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026, following the worship service. At that time, the 2027 spending plan will be presented. The spending plan which will be shared prior to the meeting. Please add the date to your calendar.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

DISMISSAL

[P] Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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