

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

Pentecost 21 – October 14 & 17, 2021

SERVICE THEME: True Treasure Comes from Heaven

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HYMN – CW 238 – ♪ Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul (Thursday, Sunday 7:45)

- 1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose favors are divine.**
- 2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die.**
- 3 'Tis he forgives my sins; 'Tis he relieves my pain;
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses And makes me young again.**
- 4 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest;
The Lord has judgments for the proud And justice for th' oppressed.**
- 5 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world his truth and grace By his beloved Son.**

LL Children Sing – God Made Me (Sunday, 10:30am Service)

- 1 God made me, God made me, In my Bible book it says that God made me.**
- 2 God loves me, God loves me, In my Bible book it says that God loves me.**
- 3 God helps me, God helps me, In my Bible book it says that God helps me.**
- 4 God keeps me, God keeps me, In my Bible book it says that God keeps me.**

LL Children Sing – Praise Him, Praise Him (Sunday, 10:30am Service)

- 1 Praise him, praise him, all you little children; God is love, God is love. (repeat)**
- 2 Love him, love him, all you little children; God is love, God is love. (repeat)**
- 3 Thank him, thank him, all you little children; God is love, God is love. (repeat)**
- 4 Serve him, serve him, all you little children; God is love, God is love. (repeat)**

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: As we come to the Lord in prayer, it is at the same time an appeal to God's divine wealth and a confession of our spiritual poverty. Our God is a God of almighty power, perfect wisdom and perfect knowledge. He is holy and righteous in all he does. All belongs to him. We, on the other hand, are paupers. All we have comes from above. Our life, our health, our wisdom, our strength, our family, they are all gifts from heaven. Add to this our arrogant hearts, our selfish behavior and the good we have left undone, and we are humbled before our Lord. Therefore, we confess our sins and seek God's mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am by nature sinful. I have sinned against you in thoughts, words and deed. Although I do not deserve your forgiveness, you have promised it in Christ Jesus. Therefore, I confess my sins before you and plead for your mercy in Jesus' name.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you. In love, he sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross, he has forgiven your sins and remembers your wickedness no more. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

**C: ♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

“Seek the Lord and Live”

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. ...

There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 3:1-6

“Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus”

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b cf. NIV)

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

GOSPEL – Mark 10:17-27

“Who is saved?”

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Children's Chapel

(There will be a special message for children. Children 5th grade and younger, please come forward. Parents of younger children may come with them. Participating children will receive a gift.)

HYMN OF THE DAY – CW 401 – ♪ Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

**1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.**

Refrain: **To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.**

Refrain

**3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.**

Refrain

**4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.**

Refrain

**5 Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness Can set a sinner free.**

Refrain

SERMON TEXT – Mark 10:17-27 (See the Gospel Lesson)

SERMON THEME – “All God Wants Is the Impossible”

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand

of God the Father almighty.

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

[Special prayers]

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

[Brief silence]

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. We offer these, our prayers, in the name of him who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN – CW 379 – ♪ Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

STAND

M: Almighty God, thank you for teaching us through your Word those things you want us to believe and to do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to remain faithful to your Word that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holy living, and comforted through the challenges of life and when facing death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

INSTALLATION OF LITTLE LEARNERS STAFF (Sunday, 10:30 Service)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN – CW 332 – ♪ Go, My Children, with My Blessing

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—You are my own.
- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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