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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 27

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Contemporary Service



AS WE GATHER

We are not far from the “holiday season.” In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season,

soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!



FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Scars”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Alternate Chorus, Chorus)

**Waking up to a new sunrise
Looking back from the other side
I can see now with open eyes
Darkest water and deepest pain
I wouldn't trade it for anything
'Cause my brokenness brought me to You
And these wounds are a story You'll use**

Chorus:

**So I'm thankful for the scars
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And I know they'll always tell of who You are
So forever I am thankful for the scars
Now I'm standing in confidence
With the strength of Your faithfulness
And I'm not who I was before
No, I don't have to fear anymore Chorus**

Bridge

I can see, I can see, how You delivered me
In Your hands, In Your feet, I found my victory
I can see, I can see, how You delivered me
In Your hands, In Your feet, I found my victory

Alternate Chorus

Alternate Chorus:

I'm thankful for Your scars
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And with my life I'll tell of who You are
So forever I am thankful **Chorus**

WELCOME

INVOCATION *(Please stand)*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Let all that you do be done in love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
**and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we
have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Almighty God and Father,
we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness.

We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: v. 11

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

**Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”**

Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.

**The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.**

But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.**

(Please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE

“The River is Here”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus)

**Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here**

Chorus:

**The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here**

**The river of God is teaming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And all who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting
For more of the Lord. Chorus:**

**Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter
Giving praise to the Son. Chorus:**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 20:27–40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And

the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE MONTH: *"Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man"*

**Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior passed that way, He looked up in the tree.**

**SPOKEN: *And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down."*
For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"Holy"

(Verse, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Verse)

**What heart could hold the weight of Your love
And know the heights of Your great worth
What eyes could look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun (repeat)**

Chorus:

**You are holy, holy, holy
God most high and God most worthy
You are holy, holy, holy
Jesus, You are
Jesus, You are**

**Your name alone has power to raise us
Your light will shine when all else fades
Our eyes will look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
Who is like You, God? Chorus**

Bridge:

**Who shall we say You are
You're the living God
Who shall we say You are
You're the Great I AM
The highest name of all
You're all You say You are Chorus**

**And You will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
All eyes will look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
Who is like You, God?**

MESSAGE

OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you)*

PRAYERS *(Please stand)*

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(AGNUS DEI)*

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us
O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER *(Please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“Even So Come”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Chorus)

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let every nation, shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon. Chorus

Bridge

So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait, You're coming soon
So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait, You're coming soon. Chorus 2x

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“Nothing”

(Five Verses)

Nothing can wash away my sin,
nothing can wash away my sin,
nothing can wash away my sin,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can make the devil run,
nothing can make the devil run,
nothing can make the devil run,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can bring me peace with God,
nothing can bring me peace with God,
nothing can bring me peace with God,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can lead me to Your throne,
nothing can lead me to Your throne,
nothing can lead me to Your throne,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can make Your people one,
nothing can make Your people one,
nothing can make Your people one,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THANKS *(Please stand)*

Amen

BLESSING

(Please be seated)

SONG TO DEPART

"Benediction"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse)

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord smile on you
Shine His light upon you
May the Lord lift you
Turn His face towards you
Give you His peace
Give you His peace

Chorus:

Blessed we came to this place today
And blessed now we will go
In the name of the Father
The Spirit and the Son

**Blessed we came to this place today
And blessed now we will go
In the name of the Father
The Spirit and the Son**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us
May the Lord smile on us
Shine His light upon us
May the Lord lift us
Turn His face towards us
Give us His peace
Give us His peace**

LEAVING

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