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

September 3, 2023

### Opening Hymn #540

#### *With the Lord Begin Thy Task*

1. With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it;  
For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,  
In His name then close thine eyes; be to Him commended.
2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration;  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care, He is thy Salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near thee,  
Save thee from the Tempter's might, With His presence cheer thee.
3. With thy Savior at thy side, Foes need not alarm thee;  
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm thee.  
All thy trust do thou repose In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
4. If thy task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then thy course will run, Naught thy soul distressing.  
Good will follow everywhere While thou here must wander;  
Thou at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.
5. Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended;  
May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done To Thy praise forever.

## Invocation

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Confession & Absolution

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Introit

**P: Delight yourself in the LORD,**

**C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**P: Commit your way to the LORD;**

**C: trust in him, and he will act.**

**P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,**

**C: and your justice as the noonday.**

**P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;**

**C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

### **Gloria Patri**

C ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

C ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

C ♪: **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C ♪: **Amen.**

### **The First Reading – Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your

hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

**Psalm of the Day – Psalm 26**  
**Antiphon - WS p. 38**

*Antiphon – Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,  
**and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**
- 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
**test my heart and my mind.**
- 3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
**and I walk in your faithfulness.**
- 4 I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
**nor do I consort with hypocrites.**
- 5 I hate the assembly of evil-doers,  
**and I will not sit with the wicked.**
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence  
**and go around your altar, O LORD,**
- 7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
**and telling all your wondrous deeds.**
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**
- 9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

**nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,**  
10 in whose hands are evil de- | vices,\*  
**and whose right hands are | full of bribes.**  
11 But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;\*  
**redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.**  
12 My foot stands on | level ground;\*  
**in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.**

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

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### **The Second Reading – Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **The Gradual**

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C: for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Hallelujah!**

## **The Triple Hallelujah**

### **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21–28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

## **Confession of Faith**

### ***The Nicene Creed***

**P & C: 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.**

**Hymn of the Day #367**  
***Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus***

1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou universal Savior,  
Who hast borne our sin and shame,  
By whose merits we find favor!  
Life is given through Thy name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed,  
Thou hast full atonement made.  
Every sin may be forgiven  
Through the virtue of Thy blood;  
Open is the gate of heaven,  
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,  
There forever to abide!  
All the heavenly host adore Thee,  
Seated at Thy Father's side.  
There for sinners Thou art pleading,  
There Thou dost our place prepare,  
Ever for us interceding  
Till in glory we appear.

4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
Thou art worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing,  
Meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits,  
Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

### **Sermon Text – Romans 12:9-21**

#### **Sermon**

***The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus***

#### **Offertory**

***C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take***



***not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

## **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the worldly company of revelers who despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to brazenly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**<sup>1</sup> Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,**

P: Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us.

**You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

P: Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another.

**<sup>2</sup> As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.**

P: Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us, securing for us an eternal reward.

**Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.**

P: Almighty Avenger, teach Your faithful ones to trust so fully in Your fatherly care that they seek not vengeance but mercy. Stoke our zeal to bless those who curse us, and so heap holy coals upon their heads.

**<sup>3</sup> Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of Love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.**

P: Great Physician, heal and restore those who are sick and suffering. [*We especially remember \_\_\_\_\_.*] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

**By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

P: O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again.

**<sup>4</sup> Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**By your praying, by Your willing,  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition;  
Here on earth Your will be done. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn #354**  
***In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

1. In the Cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the Cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the Cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the Cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

**The Communion Liturgy**

*P: The Lord be with you:*

**C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.**

*P: Lift up your hearts:*

**C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:*

**C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:*

**C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*P: 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;*

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!*

**C ♪: Amen.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

### **The Distribution**

**C ♪: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,  
According to Thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles**

**And the Glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

*P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:*

**C ♪: And His mercy endureth forever.**

*P: ...who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn #769 WS** *Lift High the Cross*

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [*Refrain*]

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [*Refrain*]

3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [*Refrain*]

### **Silent Prayer**

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