



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 8, 2024**

**Opening Hymn #742**  
***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the High Eternal One.

### **Invocation**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen**

### **Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis – sing**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

1. Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King

2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.

O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within

3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense  
of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind  
shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the  
lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground  
springs of water.

### **Psalm of the Day- Psalm 146**

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*Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.*

While I live I will | praise the Lord;\*

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a | son of man,\*

**In whom there | is no help.**

His spirit departs, he returns | to his earth;\*

**In that very day his plans | perish.**

*Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.*

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob | for his help,\*

**Whose hope is in the | Lord his God.**

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | is in them;\*

**Who keeps truth for- | ever,**

Who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*

**Who gives food to the hungry, The Lord gives freedom to  
the | prisoners.**

**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.**

*Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.*

### **The Second Lesson – James 2:1-10, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . . <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith

save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

### **Verse of the Day – Psalm 147:2-3**

Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no

one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P:** Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

### **The Alleluia – sing**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Confession of Faith – 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.**

## Hymn of the Day #26

### *Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him*

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yea, I will laud Him until death.  
With songs and anthems I'll come before Him  
As long as He doth give me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;  
Earth-born they are and soon decay.  
Naught are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave doth claim its prey.  
Since, then, no man can help afford,  
Trust ye in Christ, our God and Lord.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Blessed, yea, blessed is he forever  
Whose help is in the Lord most high,  
Whom from the saving faith naught can sever  
And who in hope to Christ draws nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord,  
Counsel and aid He doth afford.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4. God the Almighty, the great Creator,  
Ruler of sky and land and sea,  
All things ordained, and sooner or later  
They come to pass unfailingly.  
His rule is over rich and poor,  
His promise ever standeth sure.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

5. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God He doth remain.  
He helps His children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

6. Praise, O mankind, now the name so holy  
Of Him who doth such wondrous things!  
All that hath being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its "Amen" sings!  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Sermon Text – James 2:1-10, 14-18**

**Sermon**

***Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Does All Things Well***

**Offertory – sing**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Prayer of the Church**

*(Congregation may remain seated)*

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



P: Heavenly Father, give us a humble and urgent faith that would beg even for crumbs from Your Son's table, that as Your children we may receive the fullness of the feast He gives.

**1 Word of God come down on earth,  
Living rain from heav'n descending:**

P: Heavenly Father, create and sustain in us a lively faith in Christ Jesus, and lead us by Your Spirit to be active in all good works.

**Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.**

P: Heavenly Father, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation.

**Word almighty, we revere You;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

P: Gracious God, You have commanded Your Church to take the Word of life to the ends of the earth. Strengthen and support all who travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission. Give them wisdom and courage as they tell others about Christ. Bless their hearers with hearts that are receptive to Your gifts.

**3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;**

P: Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit open our deaf ears to hear Your Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how Your Son has done all things well.

**Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.**

P: Heavenly Father, we place our hope in You and ask Your blessing on President Biden, Governor Walz, and all rulers, that their plans would be ordered for the welfare of those they govern

and that You would execute Your justice for the oppressed. Though relief may come through man, we know that our help is in the name of the Lord. Graciously behold the sick and those in any need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_].

**Be our Word in pity spoken.**

**Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

P: Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, *<stand>* who taught us to pray:

### **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.**

### **The Benediction**

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

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn #511**  
*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

5. Where He displays His healing power,  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.

6. Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

## **Silent Prayer**

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