



**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 6, 2024**

**Opening Hymn #621**  
***O Father, All Creating***

1. O Father, all creating,  
Whose wisdom, love, and power  
First bound two lives together  
In Eden's primal hour,  
Today to these Thy children  
Thine earliest gifts renew,--  
A home by Thee made happy,  
A love by Thee kept true.

2. O Savior, Guest most bounteous  
Of old in Galilee,  
Voucesafe today Thy presence  
With these who call on Thee.  
Their store of earthly gladness  
Transform to heavenly wine  
And teach them, in the testing,  
To know the gift is Thine.

3. O Spirit of the Father,  
Breathe on them from above,  
So mighty in Thy pureness,  
So tender in Thy love,  
That, guarded by Thy presence,  
From sin and strife kept free,  
Their lives may own Thy guidance,  
Their hearts be ruled by Thee.

4. Except Thou build it, Father,  
The house is built in vain;  
Except Thou, Savior, bless it,  
The joy will turn to pain.  
But naught can break the marriage  
Of hearts in Thee made one,  
And love Thy Spirit hallows  
Is endless love begun. Amen.

### **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 – Genesis 2:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was

taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## **Psalm of the Day- Psalm 128**

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

Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,\*  
**who walks | in his ways!**

You shall eat the fruit of the labor | of your hands;\*  
**you shall be blessed, and it shall be | well with you.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house;\*  
**your children will be like olive shoots around your | table.**

Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed\*  
**who | fears the LORD.**

The LORD bless you from | Zion!\*

**May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life!**

May you see your children’s | children!\*

**Peace be upon | Israel!**

**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 Lesson – Hebrews 2:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord,

and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” <sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Verse of the Day – Mark 10:14b**

Alleluia. Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**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 – The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in 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 shall 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 worshipped and glorified,  
Who spoke 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 #624  
*O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife***

1. O blessed home where man and wife  
Together lead a godly life,  
By deeds their faith confessing!  
There many a happy day is spent,  
There Jesus gladly will consent  
To tarry with His blessing.

2. If they have given Him their heart,  
The place of honor set apart  
For Him each night and morrow,  
Then He the storms of life will calm,  
Will bring for every wound a balm,  
And change to joy their sorrow.

3. And if their home be dark and drear,  
The cruse be empty, hunger near,  
All hope within them dying,  
Let them despair not in distress;  
Lo, Christ is there the bread to bless,  
The fragments multiplying.

4. O Lord, we come before Thy face;  
In every home bestow Thy grace  
On children, father, mother.  
Relieve their wants, their burdens ease,  
Let them together dwell in peace  
And love to one another.

### **Sermon Text – Genesis 2:18-25**

#### **Sermon**

***Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ  
and His Church***

**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: Holy Lord, Your Son gives us a pattern of true love to follow as He gave His life for His Bride, the Church. He also gave His very body and blood to eat and drink in the Supper. Grant us Your grace, that we may approach Your table with repentant hearts and a firm resolution to amend our sinful lives by the help of Your Holy Spirit.

#### **1. Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one;**

P: Almighty God, grant Your wisdom to President Biden; to all public servants; and to those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed. You also give us men to guide Your Church on earth. We ask Your blessing for Pastor Wilke, our Synod president; Pastor Pfeiffer our Visitor; and all pastors together with the many servants and treasures of Your Church.

#### **Love in Christ is true and giving- May his will in us be done!**

P: Loving Father, Your Son took the little children into His arms and blessed them. Help Your saints to welcome little ones with joy, that nothing may hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God and the arms of Christ.

#### **2. Love is patient and forbearing,**

## **Clothed in Christ's humility,**

P: Lord God, be near all couples struggling in their marriages. Guard them from the hardness of heart that would separate what You have joined together, and reconcile them to one another to live in Christ's forgiveness and love.

**Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.**

P: Gracious God, You promise to abide with Your people and uphold them in their suffering. Comfort all who are sick and sorrowing [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and grant them health and healing according to Your good and gracious will.

**3. Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;**

P: Heavenly Father, be near to families torn apart by adultery and divorce. Sustain and heal the wounded with Your love. Give repentance to the guilty and hope in Your forgiveness in Christ.

**Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.**

P: Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to fear You and walk in Your ways in Christ, that we may eat the fruit of the labor of our hands and receive Your blessing in all that we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, *<please 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 Service of the Sacrament**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

*(the appropriate Preface is read)*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution

### Nune Dimittis - sing

1. O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es



tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your



bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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 #790

*Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here*

1. Your love, O God, has called us here,  
For all love finds its source in You,  
The perfect love that casts out fear,  
The love that Christ makes ever new.

2. O gracious God, You consecrate  
All that is lovely, good, and true.  
Bless those who in Your presence wait  
And every day their love renew.

3. O God of love, inspire our life,  
Reveal Your will in all we do;  
Join every husband, every wife  
In mutual love and love for You.

### **Silent Prayer**

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