



**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 20, 2024**

**Opening Hymn #12**  
***This Day at Thy Creating Word***

1. This day at Thy creating word  
First o'er the earth the light was poured:  
O Lord, this day upon us shine  
And fill our souls with light divine.

2. This day the Lord for sinners slain  
In might victorious rose again:  
O Jesus, may we raised be  
From death of sin to life in Thee!

3. This day the Holy Spirit came  
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
With grace to hear and grace to pray.

4. O day of light and life and grace,  
From earthly toil sweet resting-place,  
Thy hallowed hours, blest gift of love,  
Give we again to God above.

5. All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whom, with the Spirit, we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

## 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 – Ecclesiastes 5:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

## Psalm of the Day- Psalm 119:9-16

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*Antiphon – Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.*

9 How can a young man keep his | way pure?\*

**By guarding it according | to your word.**

10 With my whole heart I | seek you;\*

**let me not wander from your com- | mandments!**

11 I have stored up your word | in my heart,\*

**that I might not sin a- | gainst you.**

12 Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*

**teach me your | statutes!**

13 With my lips | I declare\*

**all the just decrees | of your mouth.**

14 In the way of your testimonies | I delight\*

**as much as in all | riches.**

15 I will meditate on your | precepts\*

**and fix my eyes | on your ways.**

16 I will delight in your | statutes;\*

**I will not for- | get your word.**

**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 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as

he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. <sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Verse of the Day – Mark 10:27b**

Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – Mark 10:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And

the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**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 #789**  
*Consider How the Birds Above*

1. Consider how the birds above  
Feed day by day with carefree ease  
Does God not keep them in His love?
2. See how the lilies do not toil,  
They grow with fair fragility;  
If God clothes these which quickly spoil,  
Will he not clothe both you and me?
3. Set not your heart on food or drink,  
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
4. Be on your guard against all greed,  
For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev'ry need  
Before our needs to us are known.
5. Seek first God's Kingdom and His grace  
His holy Name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

## **Sermon Text – Psalm 119:9-16**

### **Sermon**

***By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter  
the Kingdom of God***

### **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: Almighty God, guide our nation and its leaders in true wisdom to promote honest labor, temporal protection and fitting enjoyment under the sun. Guide Your Christians to serve Christ in their citizenship and callings. Do not let our hearts be occupied with the vanity of riches that perish, but with the true joy of Christ.

**1. Redeemed, restored, forgiven  
Through Jesus' precious blood,  
Heirs of His home in heaven  
Oh, praise our pard'ning God!**

P: O God, with us salvation is impossible, but with You all things are possible. Give boldness to Your Church to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, by whose death and resurrection the way to Your kingdom has been opened.

**Praise Him in tuneful measures  
Who gave His Son to die;  
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures**



## **Enrich and sanctify.**

P: Lord, You are near to the brokenhearted, and You save the crushed in spirit. Deliver us from every fear and trouble, that the praise of Your name would continually be in our mouths.

### **2. Once on the dreary mountain**

**We wandered far and wide,  
Far from the cleansing fountain,  
Far from the pierced side.**

P: Heavenly Father, lead our households to find eternal rest in Your Son and His Word. Give fathers and mothers diligence in teaching their children, and preserve us all from hardness of heart. Give us urgency to hear the good message of salvation today.

**But Jesus sought and found us;  
Our many sins He bore.  
With cords of love He bound us  
To Him forevermore.**

P: Spare the servants of Your Church from love of wealth and from fear of the difficulty of their task, that they would gladly set aside every comfort for Your sake and for the Gospel.

### **3. Dear Master, Yours the glory**

**Of each recovered soul.  
Ah, who can tell the story  
Of love that made us whole?**

P: Gracious God, bless all who study at our college and seminary. Raise up more church workers, for the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

**Not ours, not ours the merit;  
To You alone the praise!  
Give us a thankful spirit  
To serve You all our days.**

P: Since we have a great High Priest, Jesus Christ, hold us fast in our confession through all temptation and preserve us from sin, O Lord. Give Your blessing to all who draw near to Your throne of grace, especially those who receive the blessed Sacrament this day, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**4. Now keep us, holy Savior,  
In Your true love and fear,  
And grant us by Your favor  
The grace to persevere**

P: When the righteous cry, You hear, O Lord, and deliver them out of all their troubles. Draw near to save the brokenhearted, the crushed in spirit, the sick and those in need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_].

**Till, in Your new creation,  
Our earthly troubles o'er,  
Heirs of Your free salvation,  
We praise You evermore.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son left His earthly home to do His saving work, and so He knows what it is to leave family behind. Comfort Your children who have left home and loved ones for the sake of the Gospel. Set them firmly into the family of the Church, and sustain them in the hope of eternal life in the age to come; **<please stand>** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 #283** *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

1. God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure.  
Throughout all generations.

### **Silent Prayer**

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