

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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DIVINE SERVICE I

Hymn ----- Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

CW 484

1. Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best-
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.
2. By his mercy, by his bounty,
By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us,
What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us,
That his wisdom all controls.
3. Gracious Lord, accept our service
For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only
In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us;
Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
Praising you forevermore.

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Isaiah 45:1-7

This is what the LORD says to his anointed one,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
by stripping kings of their weapons,
to open doors before him
so that the gates cannot be shut.
I myself will go before you,
and I will level high mountains.
I will break bronze doors into pieces,
and I will cut through iron bars.
I will give you treasures hidden in darkness
and riches concealed in secret places,
so that you will acknowledge that I am the LORD,
the one who calls you by name, the God of Israel.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,

for the sake of Israel my chosen one,
I will call you by your name.
I will give you an honored name, though you do
not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
Except for me, there is no god.
I will equip you even though you do not know me,
so that people will know from the rising of the sun
to the place where it sets
that there is no one except me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I am the one who forms light and creates dark-
ness,
the one who makes peace and creates disaster.
I am the LORD, the one who does all these things.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 96

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Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;*
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,*
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;*
tremble before him, all the earth.

Refrain

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;*
 let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
 let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.*
 Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;
 for he comes to judge the world in righteousness*
 and the peoples in his truth.

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.

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

Paul, Silas, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians, which is
 in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always give thanks to God for all of you
 as we make mention of you in our prayers, be-
 cause we constantly remember before God our Fa-

ther your work produced by faith, your labor pro-
 duced by love, and your patient endurance pro-
 duced by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear brothers, loved by God, we know that
 God has chosen you, because our gospel did not
 come to you with mere words, but with power,
 with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction.

Verse of the Day

Ephesians 2:10a

Tune: CW 334

C: For we are all God's work - man - ship; In grace he
 rich - ly does e - quip Those who in Christ have been



Stand.

Gospel ----- Matthew 22:15-21

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone's approval because you are not swayed by appearances. So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax."

They brought him a denarius.

He asked them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

"Caesar's," they replied to him.

Then he said to them, "Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- All Depends on Our Possessing

CW 421

1. All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.
2. He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.

3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.
4. Well he knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never-As God wills, so be it ever-
I to him commit my way.
5. If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace.

Sermon ----- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

Chosen with God's Power

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

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of the Gospel here and around the world.*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For pastors, that by their proclamation, salvation may be delivered in power and in the Holy Spirit, and that faith and love would be increased in all who hear and hope would remain steadfast, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For fathers, mothers and their children, that the Lord who makes known His salvation from the rising of the sun to its setting may bless them in their stations and lead them to worship Him alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

- M: For those in authority, that as God's instruments they may be upheld in wisdom and integrity, make salutary use of the taxes rendered to them, and be honored by all Christians for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For [_____ and] all who are afflicted, that the maker of heaven and earth would preserve their lives, keep them from all evil and shade them from all harm, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For those who travel, that God would keep their going out and their coming in, protecting them from every trouble, prospering their journey and making their homecomings joyful, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For those who gather at this altar, that the true and living God would give them penitent hearts to receive Christ's body and blood as they await His return in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C: **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 SACRAMENT

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out 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.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.
Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

Hymn ----- Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 492

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,
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.

2. 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.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.
3. Bind us all as one together In your Church's sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken?
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
4. As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
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.

Hymn ----- God Loved the World So that He Gave

CW 391

1. God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ is the solid rock of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die-His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach How we the blessed goal may reach.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.

5. When you are sick, when death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death-This is the anchor of my faith!
6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Hymn ----- Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

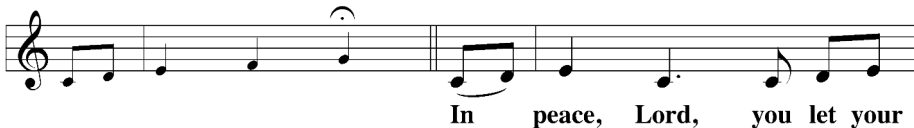
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1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the Father's word of peace.
2. Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the one who makes us one.

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the

glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

Hymn ----- Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CW 332

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing-You are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.



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