

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

CW 506

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his-
How sad and poor and dark it is!
2. Oh, blest that house where faith you find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve him still
And do in all his holy will.
3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
4. Blest such a house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless his own.
5. Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Stand.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Genesis 2:18–24

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him.” Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it

had been. The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

The man said,

Now this one is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called “woman,”
because she was taken out of man.

For this reason a man will leave his fa-
ther and his mother
and will remain united with his wife,
and they will become one flesh.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 139b

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Refrain

I will praise you, O Lord, for I am wonderfully made.

O LORD, you created my inmost being;^{*}
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;^{*}
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you;^{*}
your eyes saw my unformed body.

Refrain

All the days ordained for me^{*}
were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!^{*}
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,^{*}
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**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 ----- Hebrews 2:9-11

But we look to Jesus (the one who was made lower than the angels for a little while, so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone), now crowned with glory and honor, because he

suffered death.

Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of

their salvation to his goal through sufferings. For he who sanctifies and those who are being sancti-

fied all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Verse of the Day

Hebrews 2:12

Tune: CW 334

C: I shall de - clare your glor - ious name; I shall your
 grac - ious will pro - claim. May peo - ple far and peo -
 ple near, Your prais - es from my lips now hear.

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Stand.

Gospel ----- Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

He replied, "What did Moses command you?"

They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

In the house his disciples asked him about

this again. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Oh, Blessed Home, Where Man and Wife

CW 503

1. Oh, blessed home, where man and wife
Together lead a godly life,
By love their faith confessing!
There many a happy day is spent;
There Jesus gladly will consent
To tarry with his blessing,
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 ev'ry wound a balm,
And change to joy their sorrow,
And change to joy their sorrow.
3. Oh, Lord, we come before your face,
In ev'ry home bestow your grace
On children, father, mother.
Relieve their wants; their burdens ease.
Let them together dwell in peace
And love for one another,
And love for one another.

Marriage and Children are Gifts from God

Stand.

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.

Offering

Stand.

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of the Gospel here and around the world.*

Prayer of the Church

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

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

M: For the saints of God, that they may always welcome little ones with joy and in no way hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; for Dennis Klatt, our district president; and for all pastors, together with the many servants and treasures of God’s Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all couples struggling in their marriages, that the Lord would guard them from hardness of heart that would separate what God has joined together, and that He would reconcile them to one another to live in Christ’s forgiveness and love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For families torn apart by adultery and divorce, that the Lord would sustain and heal the wounded with His love, and that He would give repentance to the guilty and hope in His forgiveness in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For Joseph Biden, our president; for all public servants; and for the government and 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, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the sick and suffering, [*especially* _____,] that the Lord would strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and that He would grant them health and healing in accord with His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For grace to partake faithfully of the body and blood of Christ with repentant hearts and a firm resolution to amend our sinful lives by His Spirit's aid, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: 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, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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 al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



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."

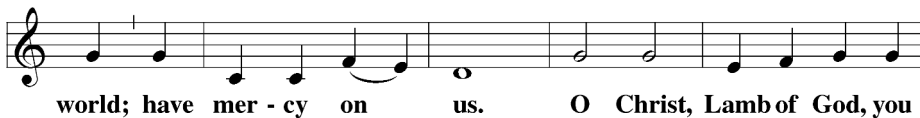
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us your peace. 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 hymn:

Hymn ----- Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
 CW 311

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
 Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
 Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
 Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'ence greet him,
 For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
 Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.

3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
 Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.
4. Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.
5. Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
 Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.
6. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
7. Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring-
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.
8. Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
 As your guest in heav'n receive me.

THANKSGIVING

Stand.

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated.

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.

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