

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9-10, 2021

“Who Is Good?”

## THE WELCOME

### THE OPENING HYMN #809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

*(please stand)*

## **THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: O almighty God,

**C: Merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **THE PSALM OF THE DAY** Psalm 90:12-17 (ESV)

P: So teach us to number our days

**C: that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

P: Return, O LORD! How long?

**C: Have pity on Your servants!**

P: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

**C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

P: Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,

**C: and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

P: Let Your work be shown to Your servants,

**C: and Your glorious power to their children.**

P: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**C: yes, establish the work of our hands!**

**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.**

## **THE HYMN OF PRAISE #790** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**
  
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not see All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**
  
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**
  
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.**
  
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (ESV)

Seek the LORD and live, lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is His name; who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins--you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE** Hebrews 3:12-19 (ESV)

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

### **THE ALLELUIA VERSE** (#816, verse 2; "*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*")

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore**

**Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as [Jesus] was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to Him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

*(please be seated)*

### **THE BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR OCTOBER**

John 8:31-32, [Jesus said], "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE SONG OF THE DAY #694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!

- 5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;  
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,  
And not for hope of high reward,  
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,  
So long as life is mine.

### THE SERMON "Who Is Good?" Text: Mark 10:17-22

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Let us pray to the Lord," "Lord, have mercy.")*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

### THE BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## THE CLOSING HYMN #722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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