

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024

## "Walking As Children Of The Light"

### THE WELCOME

### THE OPENING HYMN #411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

#### *Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**(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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 INTROIT** Psalm 111:1-5, 9; *antiphon:* Psalm 111:11 (ESV)

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**C: all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**C: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

P: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**C: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.**

P: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

**C: Holy and awesome is His name!**

**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.**

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**C: all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

## **THE KYRIE**

**C:** Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## **THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

**C:** To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Joshua 24:2a, 14-18 (ESV)

Joshua said to all the people “. . . Now therefore fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.”

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **THE EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:2-21 (ESV)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things

the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *(page 205 in the hymnal)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe  
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 6:51-69 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

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

[Jesus said] "I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum. When many of His disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) And He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted Him by the Father." After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one 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 will 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 worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

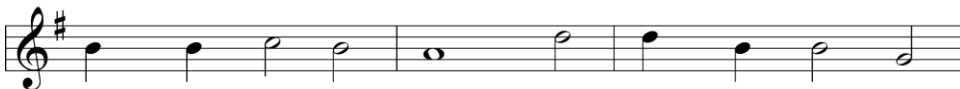
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## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE HYMN OF THE DAY #697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And  
2 To us on earth He came to bring From  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who  
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its  
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's  
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle  
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.  
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.  
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.  
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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## THE SERMON "Walking As Children Of The Light" Text: Ephesians 5:2-21

### THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS "We Praise You, O God" (#785 verse 1)

- 1) We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

(please stand)

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 208 in the hymnal)

(please be seated)

### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### #620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

**5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.**

**6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

# #811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the  
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -  
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most  
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



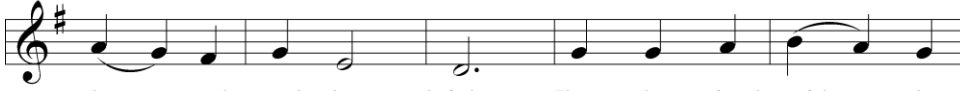
ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.  
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

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## #704 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

*(please stand)*

### THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

### THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### 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.

*(please be seated)*

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS